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Japan firm on Midway returning

TOKYO, May 28 (AP) — Japan will not shuffle naval priorities to postpone the aircraft carrier *Midway*'s return to its home port of Yokosuka, despite requests by the city mayor and opposition parties, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said Thursday.

Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Sumao Sonoda may meet Friday with Mayor Kazuo Yokoyama to seek his "understanding and cooperation" of the government's decision, Japan's Kyodo News Service reported.

Yokosuka city officials asked the Japanese government Thursday to block the ship from returning until a controversy over reports that American ships carry nuclear weapons into Japanese ports dies down.

The *Midway* was scheduled to return to Yokosuka, 35 miles (56 kms) south of Tokyo, about June 5 after a 2 1/2-month cruise. However, members of Japanese opposition parties and former U.S. officials have raised a storm here with allegations U.S. warships regularly bring nuclear weapons into Japanese ports — a violation of this country's total ban on the introduction of such weapons into Japan.

Yokosuka Assistant Mayor Ichi Sugiyama met with Deputy Cabinet Fray T. Kawara Thursday, but there was no immediate word on the outcome of those talks.

Senior Foreign Ministry Official Minoru Tanba said he "would listen attentively" to Sugiyama, but that "we are not considering asking U.S. navy authorities at this time to postpone" the ship's return. A U.S. navy spokeswoman, Lt.-Ruth Noonan, said the navy had not heard directly from the mayor. She said, "There is no alternative" to the *Midway*'s docking at Yokosuka, home of the U.S. Seventh Fleet.

Suzuki hastens to tame dealers

JEDDAH, May 28 — Suzuki Motor Co. Japan has begun a campaign to bring distributors of its product in line with the company's commitment to respect friendly nations it deals with, a company official told *Arab News* Thursday.

The announcement was made by the executive after Arab officials expressed their shock and dismay over the denigrating nature of an advertisement placed in West Germany's *Stern* magazine that portrayed Arabs as greedy. The advertisement was made by the West Germany distributor of Suzuki products, and was reprinted in *Arab News* last Sunday.

Takaaki Masuyama, managing director of Suzuki Japan, said the company is informing all distributors that the spirit of Suzuki is to respect the friendly relations between nations, to pay maximum "attention" to promotional activities and never arouse negative images of nations the parent company respects and all Suzuki distributors are to abide by the spirit and principle of Suzuki Japan.

However, he said, that the companies distributors are founded on an independent basis and operate under their local capital. Advertisements are made by the companies independently in their respective countries, he added.

"The distributor in West Germany is no exception. This company is independent of Suzuki Japan in capital and management, and their advertisement in question was planned and executed by themselves without our involvement," the executive said.

Masuyama said Suzuki Japan learned of the advertisement only after it appeared in *Stern* magazine. The advertisement depicted Arabs as greedy people not interested in reducing gas consumption.

"We at once strongly protested against the advertisement to our distributor and instructed them to extend a public apology and never to repeat such a thoughtless advertisement in the future," he added. The Suzuki official also said "the company regrets that such an incident was caused by one of our business associates."

In a statement, he said his company respects the friendly relationship of Japan and countries of the world. "It is our sincere wish that we will contribute through our products to progress the industries and welfare of each country with which Japan enjoys friendly relations."

Suzuki Japan is exporting motorcycles and cars to 146 countries at present.

1 dies in Paris blast

PARIS, May 28 (AFP) — A passerby was killed early Thursday when a bomb exploded outside an Armenian Cultural Center in a residential area of Paris. Alfonso de Almeida, 56, Portuguese-born porter of an apartment block next to the center in the elegant Rue de Courcelles, was walking his dog when he stopped to look in a bag lying on the steps of the cultural center. The bomb exploded in his face, killing him instantly.

The bombing was the first attack in France on Armenian property, and nobody had claimed responsibility for it by mid-morning.



YOUTH PROTEST: Four college students staged a hunger strike at Waseda University campus in Tokyo Wednesday to protest visits to Japan by U.S. warships carrying nuclear weapons in violation of Japan's policy.

Forlani's party suffers another setback

ROME, May 28 (AFP) — Italy's ruling Christian Democratic Party, already reeling under the "propaganda two" Masonic Lodge scandal, suffered a new blow Thursday.

Former Party Secretary general and Senate President (speaker) Amintore Fanfani revealed that the Christian Democrats had received a loan of 2,000 million lire \$ 2 million from crooked financier Michele Sindona. Sindona, serving 25 years in an American jail, also paid 15 million lire \$15,000 a month without security into two Lichtenstein-registered companies managed by former party Administrative Secretary Filippo Micheli.

Fanfani, giving evidence to the commission investigating Sindona's activities in Italy, admitted that on two occasions at the banker's request he had asked the then treasury secretary La Malfa to obtain more capital for Sindona's obscure company, which he used to meet the deficits created by his fraudulent banking activities. La Malfa refused to act but later Fanfani intervened again to obtain the appointment of a protégé of Sindona as an administrator in the Banco di Roma. Pressure was also brought in the Christian Democrat Party and also outside "in Catholic circles," Fanfani said without being specific.

Meanwhile, President Sandro Pertini Thursday asked caretaker Premier Arnaldo Forlani, a Christian Democrat, to succeed himself by forming Italy's 41st postwar government.

Forlani's four-party center-left coalition collapsed Tuesday over a Masonic Lodge scandal which broke open last week after the government published a list of 953 high-powered men allegedly belonging to the secret group called Propaganda two or P-2.



OFF-SIDE GAME: The Roberts Brothers thought it would be nice to get Maureen the elephant to play ball with them. However, the elephant had other ideas.

Six West European countries caught up in political turmoil

LONDON, May 28 (AP) — Rarely in recent years have so many Western European nations been caught up in as much political turmoil or uncertainty as they are this spring.

As America's allies await clearer foreign policy lines from Washington, there is reason for concern there about what sort of Europe will emerge from the present turbulence affecting at least six countries. The backdrop of this state of flux in the West is nagging worry about eventual Soviet intention in Poland, with the whole fate of East-West Relations in the brink.

During the past few days, the Italian government has collapsed, the ruling coalition in the Netherlands was defeated and France has scheduled crucial parliamentary elections after the stunning victory of a Socialist in presidential elections. Parliamentary elections have been set in the Irish Republic, which may lead to a change in prime ministers.

There is political uncertainty in Spain following the weekend hostage-holding in a Barcelona bank and the suggestion of a plot against King Juan Carlos. West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt was defied by his party's left wing while winning backing for his nuclear policies. And the British Government is caught in the seemingly unsolvable Northern Ireland problem while struggling to shore up a flagging economy.

Commenting on how unsettled Europe has suddenly become, but without being able to give a reason, a high British official said: "It just shows you how quickly the political map can change." A step to the left can be clearly defined in France, where Socialists, supported by Communists, have come to power after 23 years of center-right rule.

Parliamentary elections next month will define for President Francois Mitterrand how far and fast he can reasonably go with his leftist policies, and whether he will be obliged to take Communists into his government, a member of the North Atlantic Alliance. Pressure from the left for reversal of government policies or for a share in government is evident elsewhere.

In Italy, where Christian Democrat Pre-

Murderer, cry girls Thatcher visits Belfast suddenly

BELFAST, May 28 (Agencies) — Two men were shot dead and a third seriously wounded in an exchange of gunfire with an undercover British army soldier in Londonderry Thursday afternoon, police and British army spokesmen said.

The shootout occurred as Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, arriving unannounced in the troubled province said she will not "legitimize" the cause of the Irish Republican Army by giving in to demands from IRA hunger strikers for political status.

Mrs. Thatcher's plane touched down outside Belfast and her spokesman would not reveal details of her itinerary.

There were shouts of "Murderer" from some girls in the crowd and armed plain clothes policemen had trouble getting Mrs. Thatcher through the crush of thousands of shoppers. Northern Ireland's two-thirds Protestant majority backs Mrs. Thatcher's stand against the hunger strikers, who belong to the mostly Roman Catholic Irish Republican Army and Irish National Liberation Army which are fighting to end British rule in the province.

A half-mile from the well-guarded City Center posters depicting Mrs. Thatcher as "Wanted for murder" were pasted on walls and windows in the rubble-strewn Catholic Falls Road area, holed of support for the IRA.

Accompanied by Northern Ireland secret-

Fraser aide quits as premier

CANBERRA, May 28 (AFP) — Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser's Liberal Party, rocked by the resignation of Industry Minister Andrew Fraser last month, faced a new crisis of confidence Thursday with the second resignation in two days of a major state leader.

Victoria State Premier Dick Hamer announced his decision, "in the interests of party unity," after a day of similar Liberal opposition leader John Mason quit after similar troubles.

Hamer returned Thursday from a U.S. trip to make his announcement, after one of his own state junior ministers, Brian Smith, resigned saying Victoria Liberals were living in fear of Hamer leading them into the next election.

Hamer said he had intended to quit in August, but after Smith's action and some

Thais to streamline staff selection

BANGKOK, May 28 — There will be no employer, employee abuses, probably no complaints of maltreatment of Thais working overseas and no question of ineffectual workers going to other countries, especially Middle East from Bangkok here after Thailand's Prime Minister Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda has set up a high-powered committee headed by the country's Interior Minister Prathuang Kiratibutr to control the sending of Thai workers overseas.

The committee, which will have the chief of the Thai Overseas Employment and Registration Service Division Karb Thongpakdi as secretary, will include among others high ranking officials from the labor, police and foreign affairs departments. Among responsibilities assigned to the committee is to hold orientation courses for workers so that they could perform efficiently abroad, much to the satisfaction of their employers.

The committee has also been empowered to formulate policy covering Thais going abroad to work, conduct follow-up and evaluation studies and co-ordinate operations between concerned agencies.

CIA briefing of journalists ends

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP) — U.S. newsmen are no longer able to visit Central Intelligence Agency headquarters for briefings on foreign affairs and leave with stories containing statements attributed only to "U.S. government officials."

CIA spokesman Dale Peterson said Wednesday the intelligence agency's program of background briefings by CIA analysts was discontinued since March 27 "because it was an imposition on the analysts."

Last year, the CIA conducted 125 such briefings on foreign political developments; economics and scientific and technical matters at its headquarters in suburban Langley, Virginia, Peterson said.

Under the discarded system, a U.S. jour-

Uncertain spring

country into a government crisis which might last for weeks. The main foreign policy issue in the elections was NATO's desire to implant nuclear missiles on Dutch soil, opposed by leftist parties.

Ireland's Prime Minister Charles Haughey has called an election for June 11 in an effort to renew his mandate. One of the issues in the turmoil in Northern Ireland and efforts of Haughey and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher jointly to point the way to an eventual solution. Mrs. Thatcher has sternly ruled out any political concessions to "terrorist" hunger strikers.

West German Chancellor Schmidt, who had threatened to step down if there was continued squabbling over plans to station nuclear missiles in West Germany, won parliamentary endorsement of his policies, but dissent came from leftists in his own Social Democratic Party. The leftists are skeptical of U.S. resolve to carry out meaningful arms negotiations with the Soviets, while at the same time pushing for installation of the missiles in Western Europe.



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To Third World countries

Saudi Arabian aid totals \$20b

VIENNA, May 28 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia gave Third World countries aid totaling \$20 billion, or six percent of its national income between 1976 and 1980, Dr. Mahsoun Jalal, board chairman of OPEC's International Development Fund, announced here Wednesday.

Saudi aid constitutes 41 percent of all OPEC assistance to the Third World, and

equals 15 percent of the aid given those countries by the industrialized world.

As part of the Saudi Arabian annual aid averaging \$4 billion, the Kingdom gave \$1.5 billion in the form of outright grants and \$2.5 billion in the form of loans, the official said. The Kingdom also contributes to numerous international and regional development funds, he added.

Saudi Arabia contributes to 12 institutions, including the Islamic Development Bank and the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa in which it has \$3 billion or 20 percent of the bank's capital. Between 1976 and 1980, the Kingdom gave loans totaling \$3 billion to the International Bank for Regional Development and \$6 billion to the international Monetary Fund (IMF).

It also gave additional loans in May to the IMF, which amounted to some \$8 billion in Special Drawing Rights.

Jalal further said that the Saudi Fund for Development, which had started with a \$3.03 billion capital and obtained last year an additional financing of \$1.51 billion, will soon receive more financial support.

UAE president sends cables

ABU DHABI, May 28 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan Thursday sent cables of thanks to King Khalid and Sheikh Khalifa bin Hamad Al-Thani, emir of Qatar in reply to their cables on the occasion of their departure, following the conclusion of the two-day Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) member states summit conference.

The summit ended last Tuesday. The president also sent cables of congratulations to

Photo display opened

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, May 28 — Makkah Governor Prince Majed opened a photo exhibition at the Redec Plaza gallery Wednesday evening. The exhibition includes the works of Saudi Arabian photographer Khaled Khidr, manager of Saudi's visual communications and archives center, and veteran American photographer Ansel Adams.

Each artist will have about 40 photographs on display. Khidr's display deals with modern Jeddah and the beautification efforts undertaken by Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi. Adam's works deal with the American west.

Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba and Italian President Sandro Pertini on the occasion of their national days.

In other Gulf news, Sheikh Rashid bin Saud Al-Maktoum, UAE vice president and prime minister left Dubai Thursday morning for Karachi, Pakistan, on a private visit of several days.

Sheikh Rashid was seen off at the airport by Sheikh Maktoum bin Rasid, deputy premier and Dubai crown prince; Sheikh Hamdan bin Rashid, minister of finance and industry; and a number of senior government officials.

Boucetta arrives

JEDDAH, May 28 (SPA) — Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta arrived here Wednesday evening to lead his country's delegation to meetings of the Saudi-Moroccan Joint Commission, from May 30-31. He also will confer during the visit with Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, who leads the Saudi delegation.

Muhammad Al-Arabi Al-Alami, the Moroccan ambassador to Saudi Arabia, said that the commission will deal with all economic, cultural and social issues and developing bilateral relations.

COMMENT

By Abdullah Omar Khayyat
Al-Jazirah

The problem of illegal residents still persists although regular arrests and deportations have continued for the past three years. According to the police director of Riyadh, 2,065 persons were detained in a period of just one and a half months, of whom 1,200 were deported, while the legal position of 237 was regularized and 628 cases are still under consideration.

In the Western Province, the police chief announced that 10,000 illegal residents were arrested in different parts of the province, and the officials are taking measures to deport them to their respective countries.

Reading between the lines one finds a difference in the views of those in charge of these campaigns. While one official says that a specific number of persons were "detained", the other uses the expression "arrested". Similarly, when the official indicates that some cases were regularized it indicates that residence permits were granted to them so they can fill the requirements of the country. The Western Province, however, says that those arrested were deported.

Whatever it may be, Islam enjoins upon us to treat them nicely while we continue to enforce the regulations on them. There is no doubt that the deportation of illegal residents is in the interest of security and economy of the country which may be harmed by their continuous presence among us, and that too without any legal status.

While it is the duty of us all to chase every illegal resident, we should try to treat them amicably, for it is enjoined by the divine law and the Interior Ministry also has given instructions on this matter.

Pakistan sets up expatriate agency

By Javid Hassan

JEDDAH, May 28 — Pakistan's government has set up an Overseas Pakistani Foundation for the benefit of the 400,000 Pakistani expatriates in the Kingdom.

The foundation, whose membership is open to the expatriates, will help them secure land for housing. It will also open a college for the children of Pakistani nationals abroad. Ghulam Dastagir Khan, Pakistan Labor Minister, told Arab News Wednesday.

Khan, who arrived here Tuesday, is on a fact-finding mission to study the problems of the expatriates and take steps for their solution.

He said the college will offer courses in Islamic studies, specially for the children of those expatriates who were working in the West. It will be built in Islamabad. A separate women's college also will be set up in Lahore, he said. Other facilities include opening of eye treatment camps and providing transportation facilities for families of the expatriate labor class.

The foundation will provide scholarships to expatriate children studying in schools, and in the event of death or injury striking the expatriate, arrangements will be made to extend all facilities to the affected families.

Asked to comment on a general feeling among the Pakistanis that the houses being constructed by the government were costly, the minister agreed. But the expatriates need not buy houses. They could buy the plot and construct houses according to their own needs.

Referring to manpower development, Khan said a crash program had been launched to offer courses which kept in view the requirements of Saudi Arabia. As many as 47 polytechnic centers had been opened and are offering six-month courses in masonry, plumbing, mechanic, carpentry, smithy, welding, refrigeration, TV repair and other technical jobs. The crash program, launched last year, had trained 5,000 workers last year. The target for this year is 10,000.

Besides, he said, five centers had been set up at Islamabad, Sialkot, Faisalabad, Lahore and Karachi to train Pakistanis in technical jobs. These centers, opened with World Bank assistance, have already started functioning.

Additionally, the governor of Bavaria, Joseph Strauss, gave grants to the Pakistani government for setting up a training center in Loralai (Baluchistan). Work had already started on the project which is being assisted by German technicians. "West Germany has also agreed to set up more such centers in Pakistan," Khan said.

Nursing class graduates

TAIF, May 28 (SPA) — The Psychiatric Hospital here Wednesday honored its third class of 13 nurses. Through its training courses program, the hospital supplies other clinics in the Kingdom with skilled manpower. The director of the hospital, Dr. Osama Al-Radi, thanked King Khalid's government for its continuous support which enables the hospital to carry out its mission.

Visiting minister tells workers

sent to him a few of the problems which they encountered in coming to the Kingdom. A common complaint, he said, was that they were overcharged by the recruiting agents and their intermediaries. The minister assured them that such persons will be brought to book in Pakistan. At the same time, he requested the authorities in the Kingdom to punish those found guilty of such malpractices.

Khan said the expatriate laborers had their own problems. They were illiterate and unable to fill in the forms. They had requested the minister to instruct the Pakistani embassy to provide guidance for filling in the forms and in attending to related matters.

During his talks with Makkah Governor Prince Majed the minister thanked the Kingdom for standing by Pakistan through thick and thin and for providing material assis-

tance. He said he told Prince Majed that Pakistan always looked up to the Kingdom for spiritual leadership and deeply valued its friendship. Prince Majed appreciated the sentiments and said that Saudi Arabia also attached importance to its friendship with Pakistan.

The minister invited the governor to Pakistan. The prince accepted the invitation, but no formal date has yet been fixed.

In his talks with OIC secretary-general Habib Chatti, the minister reviewed the situation arising out of the Iran-Iraq war and the Lebanon crisis. Chatti briefed him on the efforts being made to resolve the conflict.

Khan, who met the Pakistani expatriates here, assured them that the government will extend to them full cooperation in setting up industries back home or in helping them in the construction of houses.

Prayer Times

Friday	Makkah	Madina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.13	4.08	3.39	3.23	3.47	4.12
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.18	12.19	11.50	11.37	12.01	12.31
Asr (Evening)	3.33	3.41	3.13	3.04	3.29	4.03
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.59	7.06	6.37	6.27	6.52	7.26
Isha (Night)	8.29	8.36	8.07	7.57	8.22	8.56



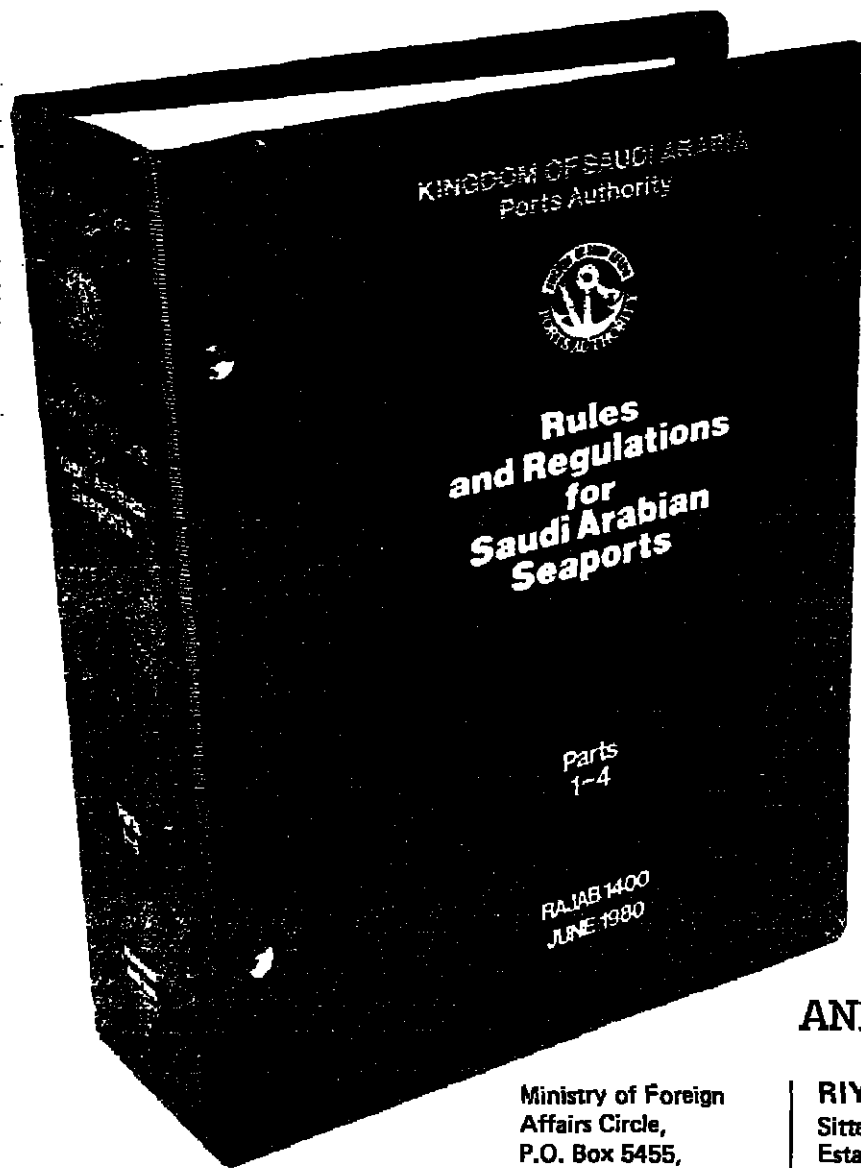
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As Khaddam, Butros meet

Israeli planes bombard Lebanon

BEIRUT, May 28 (Agencies) — Israeli planes Thursday bombarded the regions of Damur and Naameh, about 15 kms south of Beirut, Palestinian forces said here.

The bombardment began at 3:15 p.m. local time (1315 GMT) and lasted for at least 15 minutes, they reported. The village of Damur is a Palestinian stronghold.

Israeli planes also flew over Palestinian camps at Baddawi and Nahr-el-Bared, near the northern Lebanese city of Tripoli, the Palestinian News Agency Wafa reported later.

The last Israeli air strike was almost a month ago — April 29 — when planes attacked targets near the southern port city of Sidon and the central sector market town of Nabatieh.

Thursday's reported raid came a day after United States special envoy Philip Habib left Israel for home after spending three weeks in the area trying to defuse a crisis over the installation of Syrian anti-aircraft missiles in the Bekaa Valley. The installation followed Israel's shooting down of two Syrian helicopters in the region.

Meanwhile, the Lebanese and Syrian Foreign Ministers resumed efforts Thursday here to reach an internal settlement for Lebanon. Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros and his Syrian counterpart Abdul Halim Khaddam opened talks in the Lebanese town of Shouf, headquarters of the all-Syrian Arab Detachment Force (ADF).

The talks are apparently to prepare for a meeting of several Arab foreign ministers to discuss the Lebanese issue which has been tentatively scheduled for next week.

Informed sources in Damascus said Khaddam and Butros also discussed a resumption

Israel starts work on Dead Sea tunnel

TEL AVIV, May 28 (AFP) — Work started Thursday on a multi-million-dollar Israeli project to drill a tunnel along a 90-kms route between the Mediterranean and the Dead Sea.

When construction is finished in about 1990, the 300-metre difference in levels between the two seas will send Mediterranean waters flowing into the Dead Sea to produce hydro-electric energy through underground turbines. Pre-drilling technical work was started Thursday near the ancient Dead Sea fortress of Masada, before a final decision is made on exactly where and how to tackle the project.

Prime Minister Menahem Begin will attend the official inauguration ceremony scheduled for a few days ahead of the general election late next month. Energy Minister Yitzhak Mordechai told Israeli radio that the tunnel would cost \$800 million at 1980 prices. Construction would take between eight and nine years and energy produced would reach 600 mw, less than 25 percent of Israel's current requirements.



Abdul Halim Khaddam

of Syrian-sponsored efforts to bring about a national reconciliation between Lebanon's rightist Christian and nationalist Muslim groups.

Syria launched an effort to restore Lebanese unity shortly before Israeli warplanes shot down two Syrian helicopter gunships in the Bekaa April 28. The Syrians retaliated by deploying SAM-6 missiles in the Bekaa the next day, bringing the two Mideast antagonists to the verge of war.

The Lebanese authorities have apparently been encouraged by last week's conference of Arab foreign ministers in Tunis that the Arab world is solidly behind Syria and Lebanon in meeting Israeli aggression.

It was agreed at that meeting to reactivate the follow-up committee on Lebanon, which was set up after the 1975-76 Lebanese civil war but suspended operations late last year. The committee, headed by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis and also comprising Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Syria and an Arab League representative, is expected to meet soon at foreign minister level.

Beirut radio said Thursday it had been "almost decided" to hold the meeting at the beginning of next week. There has been no announcement of the date or place.

In Bekka, four-man British television crew was back at work Wednesday after being briefly detained earlier in the week by Syrian peacekeeping troops.

Peter Gill, a reporter for the London-based Thames Television, said, "we were picked up by Syrian troops less than three hours after crossing into the valley from Syria last Monday. They held us for several hours."

Tremors wreck 300 houses in Greece

ATHENS, May 27 (R) — More than 300 houses were wrecked by tremors in the Preveza area of the northwestern Greece Thursday, a police spokesman said. The region was hit by 44 tremors measures from 4.1 to 5.5 points on the Richter Scale. The epicenter was 280 kms northwest of Athens.

The tremors caused panic but no casualties, the spokesman said. Most of the damage was in villages around the town of Vonitsa.



Fuad Butros

but then released us, though they kept our equipment until late Tuesday." Although journalists have been roaming freely in the valley during the past four weeks, they have not been allowed to photograph or film any of the missile sites clearly visible next to busy highways in the area. Syrian troops have standing orders not to allow any photography.

In Moscow, *Izvestia* accused Habib Wednesday of playing a "provocative role" in the Syrian-Israeli crisis. "He began intrigues with the goal of obliging Syria to subject itself to the dictates of Israel and to impose on Lebanon a settlement that would strengthen the position of the rightists and threaten the interests of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Syria," the Soviet government newspaper asserted.

It said Habib went to the Mideast "masked as a peace maker," although his real aim was to play a "provocative role" in the conflict.

Sadat to meet Begin next week

TEL AVIV, May 28 (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will meet in the Sinai next Thursday, a government spokesman said Thursday.

The meeting, called at the request of Begin, will take place in Sharm-el-Sheikh, the southernmost tip of the Israeli-occupied Sinai.

No reason was given for the suddenly-scheduled meeting. The spokesman said Begin's request for the meeting was conveyed to Sadat by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon, who visited Egypt last week. Begin had wanted to confer with the Egyptian leader earlier this year to discuss the deadlocked negotiations on Palestinian autonomy. But Sadat said that it would be best to wait after Israel's June 30 elections.

The two leaders exchanged message on the Syrian missile crisis in Lebanon, and Begin described Sadat's communication as "warm and most friendly."

South Yemen wants Arab League talks

ADEN, May 28 (AP) — South Yemen has called for an urgent meeting of the Arab League to impose sanctions against Sudan for its moves to consolidate relations with Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, according to an official statement.

"The government of democratic Yemen, while condemning such steps taken by the Sudanese regime which it regards as marching in the Camp David parties, asks the Arab League to hold an urgent meeting for sanctions against the regime of (Sudanese President Jaafar) Numeiri which violated the resolutions of the Arab summit and all the Arabs collectively," the statement said.

Syria Sunday condemned the visit to Sudan by the Egyptian president and said it would not appoint an ambassador to Khartoum. Syria, South Yemen, Libya, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization are members of the hardline Steadfastness and Confrontation Front which opposes the U.S.-sponsored Camp David peace effort between Egypt and Israel.

Minister hints at change in French M.E. policy

PARIS, May 28 (R) — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson has said his country's new Socialist-led government would make no immediate changes in Middle East policies. But Cheysson told the newspaper *Le Monde* that there was "a different sensitivity" and that France's positions would become clearer in the coming months.

The minister said France would scrupulously respect declarations and resolutions made by the administration of former President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, including the joint EEC stance on the Middle East. "We will see French positions become clearer in the coming months but at the outset they are exactly the same as those of the previous government... However there is a different sensitivity and the great advantage that we are able to say things that our predecessors could not say," Cheysson said.

French Socialist leaders are reported to be trying to reassure Arab states and Arab investors who have expressed concern about President Francois Mitterrand's long-standing close ties with Israel.

Mitterrand's office said Monday that the president had accepted an invitation to visit Israel. It would be the first time a French president has visited the Zionist state. Asked about Mitterrand's pro-Israeli statements during the recent presidential election campaign, Cheysson said, "I cannot answer for the president. But I believe Israel is one of the elements involved and that one should not be friends with one side only, if one wants to play a role (in Middle East peace efforts)."

Bhutto lawyer freed

KARACHI, May 28 (AP) — Yahya Bakhtiar, a former attorney-general of Pakistan, was released from Quetta district jail Wednesday evening after detention orders were withdrawn, it was officially announced in Quetta.

Bakhtiar, who defended late former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto before the supreme court of Pakistan in a murder case before his execution April 4, 1979, was detained last March 31 under the martial law regulations.

Earlier this year, Bakhtiar was sentenced to five years imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000 by a special tribunal, which found him guilty of abusing his position as attorney-general during the Bhutto regime and committing irregularities in his own election to the National Assembly of Pakistan in March 1977.

In Bangladesh assembly

Complain about India to U.N., says opposition

DACCA, May 28 (AP) — Parliamentarians Wednesday accused India of following an expansionist policy against its neighbors by occupying a newly-emerged river island also claimed by Bangladesh.

Opposition leader Khan Abdus Sabur Khan called on the government to raise the issue at the United Nations, charging that India was attempting to block riverine routes and to occupy other emerging islands in the Bay of Bengal. India earlier deployed battle-ships in the vicinity of the 12-square-kilometer island, called Talpatti, located in the estuary of the Haribhanga and Raimangal Rivers. The Indian government said the move was to counter the presence of three Bangladesh patrol craft in the area.

The opposition leader called upon the

Bangladesh people to boycott Indian goods until India abandoned its claim to the island. He said that the people would not allow India to turn Bangladesh into a "protectorate state" like Sikkim and Bhutan.

Ataur Rahman Khan, former chief minister of East Pakistan, said the island had always been a part of the region now called Bangladesh. He presented a map from the mid-1950s which showed that Talpatti had been part of East Pakistan at that time. He said a Dutch team had conducted the survey.

Awami League leaders also urged India to quit its aggression against Bangladesh, but criticized the government of Bangladesh for keeping information from the people. Indian troops had moved May 9, a full week before the government told the public.

Khomeini attacks Bani-Sadr

TEHRAN, May 28 (Agencies) — Ayatollah Khomeini intervened in Iran's political infighting Wednesday and warned feuding officials to halt their grab for power.

In a strongly-worded speech at the mosque next to his home in the Tehran suburb of Jamaran, Khomeini told critics of the clergy-dominated government to "go back to Europe, the United States or wherever else you want." He warned that anyone intentionally ridiculing Iran's doctrine government would be an infidel. "His property must be confiscated and he must be killed," he said.

Khomeini's hour-long speech left little doubt that the main target of his criticism was President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, a liberal-minded economist who is locked in a bitter struggle with Prime Minister Muhammad Ali

Rajai and his Muslim fundamentalist government. "Bani-Sadr, 48, spent 15 years in Paris before the 1979 revolution that toppled the Shah. Many of the president's aides are technocrats trained in Europe and the United States.

"If you don't want to be ousted from the scene, adhere to the law, not just in words," the Iranian News Agency quoted Khomeini as saying. He would oppose anyone who violated the law, even if it was the president, the prime minister, majlis members or any other officials, Pars quoted Khomeini as saying.

Recalling his declaration of 1981 as "the year of the law," he said Bani-Sadr and Rajai would lose his support if they tried to take more power than they were due under the constitution.

For Chad operations

Libya wants compensation

PARIS, May 28 (AFP) — Libya intends to seek compensation for its operations in Chad at next month's Organization of African Unity (OAU) summit, the country's Information Minister Ibrahim Bishari has said here.

Bishari was speaking Wednesday after attending a four-country mini-summit in the Chadian capital of N'djamena, at which delegates discussed the Libyan military presence in Chad and its eventual replacement by a peacekeeping force drawn from a number of African countries. He said his government would ask the other OAU members to shoulder responsibility for the reconstruction of Chad.

He said that Libya had ensured stability

and an end to the civil war in Chad, and it supported "the legal government" headed by interim President Goukouni Oueddei. Bishari denied that Libya had backed forces serving Chad's Foreign Minister Ahmad Acyl — who is openly pro-Libyan — in clashes with troops serving the president. He also denied that Libya had sent troop reinforcements to Abeche in eastern Chad, Acyl's stronghold. The Libyan minister said that Libyan soldiers were in fact being withdrawn.

Bishari's statements contradicted reports from Chadian refugees and anti-Libyan factions, as well as Sudanese sources, about fighting around Abeche in mid-April in which at least 100 persons were said to have been killed.

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SAUDI BUSINESS Read NEXT week in SAUDI BUSINESS COVER With imports worth \$ 20 billion flowing into the Kingdom every year the Saudi Arabian Standards' Organization has its hands full testing the products and providing safety specifications for cars. S. Sidahmed on page 22 talks to the officials and discusses issues involved in setting new specifications. OPEC MEETING No headline-grabbing news was made at the closed-door meeting of the oil-producing countries in Geneva last week. Members agreed to a price strategy that would freeze oil prices in a situation where buyers are getting the upper hand. S. Sidahmed reports from Geneva on the outcome of the talks. TRANSPORT BLUES With coasters off the roads, passengers are finding it difficult to get buses on time and the SAPTCO service is being improved to meet the challenge of coping with the increasing numbers of passengers. Ahmad Kamal Khuroo looks into the ins and outs of the transportation system. Read Saudi Business in its new format and cover and you'll feel that you are reading a prestigious magazine published in London, Paris or New York. Don't forget you have an appointment with Saudi Business every Saturday AVAILABLE IN ALL BOOKSTORES, KIOSKS AND NEWSPAPER STANDS.

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Jeffrey Liso

On arms reduction

Reagan favors talks from strong position

WEST POINT, New York, May 28 (R) — President Reagan has declared that he would negotiate with the Soviet Union on arms reductions only from a position of strength...

strength while we are searching," Reagan said. Reagan did not mention his pledge to Western allies earlier this month that the United States would open talks with Moscow before the end of the year on reducing the number of medium-range nuclear missiles deployed in Europe...

Paris meeting urges sanctions

ANC admits Durban blast

JOHANNESBURG, May 28 (R) — After 48 hours of guerrilla attacks by the outlawed African National Congress (ANC), celebrations marking South Africa's 20 years as a republic have been clouded with controversy and violence...

when a patrol was fired on. The white minority National Party government had intended this week's republic day celebrations to demonstrate national unity under the slogan "unity in diversity."

Worker's feet re-attached

AUGUSTA, Georgia, May 28 (AFP) — More than a dozen surgeons worked through the night Tuesday to re-attach a dockworker's feet, lopped off in an accident, at a Talmadge Memorial Hospital spokesman said...

Success for the operation depends on whether the blood circulates well through the two feet during the next few days, doctors said. The patient's legs will be about four centimeters shorter because of the removal of damaged tissues, doctors said...

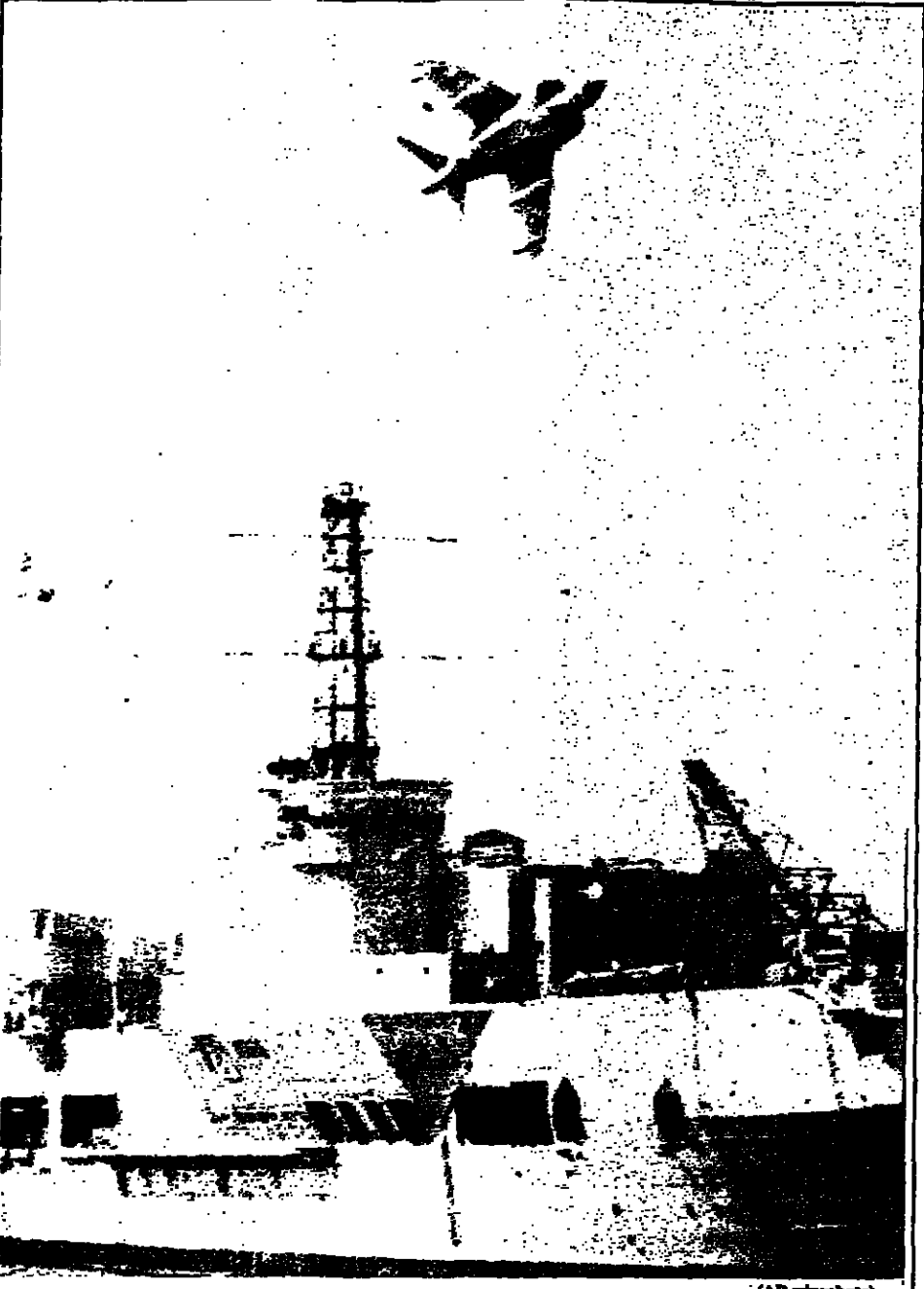
Seoul students continue riots

SEOUL, May 28 (AP) — Hundreds of students, some of them hurling rocks, clashed with riot police Thursday, the second day of anti-government demonstrations on the campus of Seoul National University...

The university said authorities are investigating the "fall" of the student. It was not known if the student, Kim Tae-Hoon, personally blamed the government for the Kwangju incident. Government troops last year crushed the uprising, and the official death toll there was put at 180...

Pope to stay in hospital

VATICAN CITY, May 28 (AFP) — Doctors have advised Pope John Paul II not to leave hospital on Sunday, the day he had hoped to return to the Vatican, it was announced here Thursday. A medical bulletin, hinting at a setback, said the Pope would have to remain under hospital observation for an unspecified period following the gun attack on him 15 days ago...



VERSATILE JET: A flying display by the versatile Sea Harrier jet was the highlight recently at the British Royal Navy Chatham Base. A British invention, it can take off vertically, hover and even fly backward. It is used as a subsonic fighter, reconnaissance or strike aircraft. The British government is about to order 100 American-adapted versions of the jet, designated AV-8B.

Hinckley recovers after pill overdose

BUTNER, North Carolina, May 28 (AP) — John W. Hinckley Jr., the man accused of trying to assassinate U.S. President Ronald Reagan has taken an overdose of tylenol in an "attempt to harm himself" but was treated at a prison infirmary and has recovered, a government official said...

was given an antidote and was later returned to his quarters after tests were run to check the degree of toxicity in his system. "He is not in a life-threatening situation," Decair said. He said Hinckley's parents and his defense attorneys had been notified. Hinckley, 25, was arrested March 30 moments after Reagan and three others were shot outside the Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Nerve gas plant funds voted U.S. studies resumption of chemical arms output

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AFP) — The production of chemical weapons, abandoned in the United States 12 years ago, is again being considered seriously by the Pentagon, which fears that the Soviet Union has taken a serious lead in the field. The U.S. Senate has just voted a \$20 million credit to fund equipment for a factory at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, where a new nerve gas will be produced if President Ronald Reagan gives the go-ahead...

a period of 30 days. The U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency estimates at 50,000 the number of chemical warfare specialists in the Soviet armed forces, against only 4,700 in the U.S. Army. Although the Soviet Union has signed the Geneva protocol banning nations from being first in using chemical arms, military experts of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization consider that in case of need, the Soviet military would not hesitate to resort to such weapons. The Pentagon, meanwhile, anticipates spending close to \$2,500 million on the development of chemical weapons over the next five years.

Obote frees 3,000 detainees

KAMPALA, May 28 (AFP) — Ugandan President Milton Obote has ordered the immediate release of 3,000 detainees, most of them soldiers in the army of the former regime. The president ordered the release during celebrations marking the first anniversary of his return from nine years of exile in Tanzania after his overthrow in 1971. Obote also said Wednesday his government would do everything possible to remove terrorism from the face of Uganda while allowing the opposition Democratic Party to be heard.

to the will of the people and defend the right of the minority in Uganda to be heard. He also said he would do everything to remove terrorism from Uganda, stressing that "no democracy tolerates terrorism." Obote attacked some opposition Democratic Party leaders for being involved in the underground activities, "including several on the executive committee who have been and continued to leave Uganda to organize warfare against the country." He denied there had been arrests of opposition leaders before attacks on government installations began February, and called on all Democratic Party supporters to follow party leader Paul Ssemogerere in seeking political solutions to Uganda's problems.

Polish cardinal dies

WARSAW, May 28 (AFP) — Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski died here Thursday after being bedridden since April with an intestinal tumor, church officials said. The cardinal, Roman Catholic primate of Poland and a close friend of Pope John Paul II, was only two months from his 80th birthday. The cardinal was the rock upon which the church survived Communist rule in Poland, consolidated its power and finally ended triumphant.

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In French Open

Borg breezes into third round

PARIS, May 28 (AFF) — Defending champion Bjorn Borg of Sweden swept into the third round of the French Open Tennis tournament when he defeated Cassio Motta of Brazil 6-1, 7-5, 6-0 here Thursday.

The 24-year-old Scandinavian, bidding for his sixth title at the championships, looked much sharper against the muscular South American than he had done against his first-round opponent Jose Lopez-Maeso of Spain.

Borg, backed this time by an accurate service and excellent length in the baseline

exchanges, captured the first set in under half-an-hour. Motta won only the fifth game — and that was given to him by Borg's sportsmanship.

The Swedish player over-ruled a line-call on a long looping forehand from the Brazilian which was called out by the baseline judge. It was different in the second set when Motta, taking risks, managed to take five games from the champion. He broke Borg's service three times.

But then Borg, as though sensing the com-

ing stoppage and keen to get things over, raced home like an express train in the third without giving his opponent another game. He was helped in this by the fact that Motta, demoralised after failing to capitalize on his advantages in the second set and unhappy with the blustery drizzle conditions, offered little real resistance.

"I feel fine and so far I have been luckier than most players regarding the weather," the Swede said. Referring to his third-round opponent, French 'giant-killer' Paul Torre, Borg said: "I have never played him but he hits the ball with a lot of top spin and he must be playing well to have beaten players like McNamee and Gimenez."

He said there was no such thing as an "easy" match at the tournament. He was still match rusty after his month-long rest because of a shoulder injury incurred at the Monte Carlo Tournament and consequently he needed to prepare for each match very thoroughly.

"Every match is difficult and important for me. But now I am beginning to gather more confidence after two matches," said Borg.

One of the day's most explosive matches came on an outside court and pitted 24-year-old New Zealander Chris Lewis against Australian Mark Edmondson. Lewis eventually won the four-hour clash 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 2-6, 6-4.

Results

MEN'S SINGLES (FIRST ROUND):

Jimmy Connors (U.S.) def. Christophe Roger-Vasselin (France) 6-1, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; Jose-Luis Clerc (Argentina) def. Henz Gunhardt (Switzerland) 7-5, 7-5, 6-1; Andres Gomez (Ecuador) def. Eddie Edwards (U.S.) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3; Van Lend (Czechoslovakia) def. John Fitzgerald (Australia) 7-5, 7-6, 6-4; Mel Purcell (U.S.) def. Andreas Maurer (West Germany) 3-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1; Patrice Kuchna (France) def. David Schneider (South Africa) 6-4, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

MEN'S SINGLES (SECOND ROUND):

Bjorn Borg (Sweden) def. Cassio Motta (Brazil) 6-1, 7-5, 6-0; Paul Torre (France) def. Angel Gimenez (Spain) 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; Wojtek Fibak (Poland) def. Fernando Luna (Spain) 7-6, 6-0, 7-6.

WOMEN'S SINGLES (SECOND ROUND):

Hana Mandlikova (Czechoslovakia) def. Rosemary Casals (U.S.) 6-2, 6-1; Virginia Ruzici (Romania) def. Manette Schutte (Netherlands) 7-5, 6-2.

Harper steers Braves to narrow win

NEW YORK, May 28 (AP) — Terry Harper's leadoff homer in the ninth inning carried the Atlanta Braves to a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers Wednesday night. Harper drilled his second home run of the season on a 2-0 pitch from Dodger reliever Steve Howe, 4-2. The victory went to Rick Camp, 5-1, who retired the Dodgers in order in the ninth.

The Braves had tied the game 2-2 with a run in the eighth. Bruce Benedict led off with an infield hit and took second when third baseman Ron Cey threw wildly past first on the play. Benedict was sacrificed to third by Rafael Ramirez and scored on pinch-hitter Claudell Washington's double off reliever Dave Stewart.

Dodger left-hander Jerry Reuss had a no-hitter going into the fifth when Chris Chambliss singled. Reuss then lost his shut-out bid in the sixth when he yielded a run-

scoring single to Biff Pocoroba. The Dodgers scored twice in the third inning. One run scored on an error and another on Steve Garvey's single.

In other National League action, Bob Knepper recorded his fourth shutout in five decisions with a six-hitter and catcher Luis Pujols drove home the winning run as Houston blanked San Diego 1-0. Dave Kingdom slugged a tie-breaking home run, his ninth of the season, and Pat Zachry tossed a six-hitter to give New York a 3-1 victory over Philadelphia.

Tony Pena's two-out single in the ninth inning scored Matt Alexander from second base with the winning run as Pittsburgh beat Chicago 3-2. Chris Speier smashed a run-scoring single and Tim Raines delivered a sacrifice fly in a two-run seventh inning that snapped a 1-1 tie and carried Montreal to a 4-1 victory over St. Louis.

Dave Collins scored one run and doubled

home another and Mario Soto hurled his fourth complete game as Cincinnati edged San Francisco 3-2 in a game delayed three times by rain.

In the American League, a bases-loaded single by Terry Crowley in the ninth inning gave Baltimore a 6-5 victory over New York. Chicago's Ron Lefflore drove in one run and took away two with a great catch, leading the White Sox to a 3-0 victory over Oakland.

Jim Rice belted two homers and Rick Miller and Dwight Evans one each as Boston rode a six-run fourth inning to a 10-5 victory over Cleveland, snapping Bert Blyleven's six-game winning streak.

Mickey Hatcher's run-scoring single in top of the ninth inning gave Minnesota a 2-1 victory over Texas. Ben Oglivie hit a two-run single and Charlie Moore had three hits and scored twice, leading Milwaukee to a 5-2 victory over Detroit.

Kennedy's fine goal gives Liverpool Cup

PARIS, May 28 (R) — Liverpool full back Alan Kennedy scored the most memorable goal of his soccer career to earn the English side their third European Cup triumph with a dramatic 1-0 victory over Real Madrid of Spain Wednesday night.

Kennedy's goal came nine minutes from the end — when most of the players appeared to have accepted the prospect of the game being forced into extra time.

There seemed little danger when Kennedy, one of the lesser known names in Liverpool's star-studded lineup, picked up a throw-in on the edge of the Real penalty area. But he sped past Garcia Cortes and as goalkeeper Agustin came off his line, Kennedy curled a spectacular left-foot shot high into the net from an acute angle.

The second half had been a thrilling spectacle, in contrast to the first when Real looked a shadow of the side which had won this trophy a record six times.

Much of the blame must lie with Hungarian referee Karoly Palotai, obviously reluctant to produce his yellow card in this showpiece event. He allowed a succession of tackles which would not have been permitted on the occasions when the Pars de Princes is used for Rugby Union.

Real were the worst culprits. Kenny Dalgligh spent much of the evening flat on his back as a result of the attention of Garcia Cortes,



JOYFUL: Liverpool's Phil Thompson, on the shoulders of a teammate, holds aloft the European Cup after his side beat Real Madrid 1-0 in the final Wednesday.

and Camacho almost grabbed an early souvenir when he ripped David Johnson's shirt in a tackle. Terry McDermott nearly surrendered more than his shirt to Angel when he was stopped in his tracks by a challenge at neck height.

But Palotai cautioned only two players, the luckless Ray Kennedy for a clumsy but harmless-looking charge on goalkeeper Agustin and West German Uli Stielke for a crude foul on Johnson.

Liverpool ignored the crunching tackles to drive forward and Alan Kennedy tested the unexperienced Agustin in the 11th minute with a stinging 30-meter drive which he did well to turn away for a corner.

But Agustin was helpless 60 seconds later when an intricate move involving Dalgligh and Sammy Lee left McDermott unmarked in front of goal. Agustin could barely have seen the ball as it shaved the crossbar. Liverpool forced three quick corners during this spell of pressure and from the last of these Dalgligh almost broke the deadlock.

Fellow-Scot Alan Hansen headed down and Dalgligh sent his marker Garcia Cortes the wrong way with a cheeky kick before bringing a fine save from Agustin with a well-struck shot.

Real, too, had their chances. They should have gone ahead in the 50th minute when Garcia Navajas caught the Liverpool defense flat-footed with a glorious through ball to Camacho. The young midfielder, with only goalkeeper Ray Clemence to beat, had time and space to run in on goal. But he opted instead for a flamboyant 25-meter lob which sailed agonisingly over the bar.

Toronto shocks leaders Chicago

TORONTO, Canada, May 28 (AP) — Gordon Sweezer, a second-half substitute for Toronto, fired in two goals to spearhead a 3-0 Blizzard upset over Chicago Sting in North American Soccer League action Wednesday night.

The win was Toronto's third in the last four games and broke a six-game winning streak for the Sting. It also dropped the Central Division leaders Sting's record to 8-3 while last-place Toronto upped its mark in the east to 4-7. Toronto's other goal was scored by defender Gungor Tekin.

In another match, Minnesota's Ricardo Alonso scored the decisive goal in a shootout, lifting the Kicks past the Seattle Sounders 3-2. Alonso's goal, which came on the Kicks' ninth shootout attempt, gave Minnesota a 2-1 edge in the longest shootout in Kicks' history. Seattle's Steve Daley scored the first shootout goal on the Sounders' second attempt. Then Minnesota's Stewart Jump tied it 1-1 on the Kicks' third attempt.

Kicks goalkeeper Tino Lettieri was in goal for the first eight Sounder shootout attempts, but was injured stopping Jeff Stock's try and forced to leave the game. Substitute goalie Randy Phillips came on to make the final save for Minnesota.

Daley, who scored both Seattle goals in regulation time, forced the overtime and eventual shootout when he drilled a 22-yard shot past Lettieri for a 2-2 tie at 62:10.

Minnesota's ace Soelengoe had given the Kicks a 2-1 advantage with a header at 57:04. The Kicks too a 1-0 lead at 10:04 of the first half when David Stride scored an unassisted goal, his second of the season. Seattle countered at 3:08 for a 1-1 first-half tie as Daley connected from just inside the goalkeeper's zone.

The Vancouver Whitecaps, getting plenty of mileage from speedy Ian Beardslex and Alan Taylor, defeated the Portland Timbers 2-0.



ANOTHER MILESTONE: Bill Shoemaker, the jockey who has the distinction of bagging the maximum winners in the history of thoroughbred racing, stretches his mount War Allied, as he crosses the finish line in the first race at Hollywood Park Wednesday. The triumph helped Shoemaker hit the 8,000-winner mark.

Roger Knight falls four short of century

LONDON, May 28 (AP) — Rain again hit English County Cricket Wednesday, wiping out four games, including the Australians against Glamorgan at Swansea, and seriously affecting play in others. Despite the bad weather on the first day of another round, Surrey skipper Roger Knight steered his side to an impressive 300 for six declared against Essex at Chelmsford, when Essex misfired by putting their opponents in. Knight's 96 included four sixes and seven fours before he was bowled by Norbert Phillip

from Dominica. Surrey opens Alan Butcher and Grahame Clinton shared an opening stand of 120, then Graham Gooch took three wickets in eight deliveries without conceding a run. Gooch finished with three for 47 but could not halt Knight's attack. Talented England batsman David Gower maintained form for Leicestershire with an unbeaten 69 against Hampshire at Leicestershire and Brian Davison, who had 10 fours in his 52 not out, hit up 98 together. Leicestershire scored 155 for two before rain drove the

players in. South African Allan Lamb hit 51 at Northampton, where the home side recovered from a shaky start against Derbyshire, losing both openers for 11 runs. Other scores: At Dartford: Kent 53-1 vs Yorkshire. At Cambridge: Nottinghamshire 127-3 vs Middlesex. At Bristol: Gloucestershire vs Sussex, no play — rain. At Worcester: Worcestershire vs Lancashire, no play — rain. At Oxford: Oxford University vs Warwickshire, no play — rain.

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KEEPING TRIM: Zakaria Tantawy (left) and Jameel Shaban displaying a few stance that helps keep the paunch under control.

Health center--an answer to modern day's sports strains

By Peter Rodriguez

JEDDAH, May 28 — In the days of yore sports was termed as a recreation, a physical exercise, something that is rewarding and fulfilling to do. But can the same be said of it today? Modern day sport has its ugly side. Man has extended his spirit and dedication a step too far with the result there is much stress on physical fitness.

And when you want something done, of course, you go to the place where you can get it. Mind you Jeddah athletes the rendezvous is not too far.

A couple of steps up the spacious staircase of the luxurious Hotel Meridien on the farther end of the swimming pool, is a beautiful health center that vouches to cater to your needs. The center has a gymnasium, a sauna and to cap it all experts who could guide you to derive the maximum benefit in the least possible time.

Says Zakaria Tantawy, the tall ex-boxer, who represented Egypt in many an international boxing competition: "Just a couple of hours visit daily at the center for a month and you'll feel years younger thereby increasing your potential for an extra toll. But toil you must to get the best out of life." The program begins with a dip in the crystal clear waters of the pool followed by a session at the gymnasium where Zakaria and Jameel Shaban, condition you with the help of modern gadgets, that give the gym a colorful look.

The muscular Zakaria, who himself goes

through the grind at the gym with skillful ease and delightful speed, asserts that after a hard day either at the office or the playing field, one tends to slacken or get weary, and that's what the sauna bath takes care of. A stint at the gym under the watchful eye of the instructors makes you feel refreshed, restores the lost energy and imparts added pep for yet another hard day's work.

But what baffles Zakaria is that although the center is over two and a half years old with just a nominal fee of SR2,000 a year it has but a membership of 20 Saudi Arabian physical fitness enthusiasts. Nevertheless, he and the other instructor are kept busy right through from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 p.m. with the hotel guests popping in and out.

The center at the Sheraton, that has a magnificent gymnasium fitted with cycles, paunch reducers, gymnastics, and other equipment is restricted to just the hotel guests at the moment, but will go open in the near future and Abdul Halim Ballout, public area supervisor.

"The center could help boost man's personality to a great extent, asserts the white-clad Abdul Halim. In a fast-moving world that demands the maximum, it is imperative that man is fully fit to stand up to the strains and it's at the health center that the answer lies. Apart from enabling you build your body to withstand the pressure of everyday life, it also provides for the relaxation that's vital to tune you up to face any eventuality." Hard workers especially in a large com-



EYE-CATCHING: Zakaria Tantawy in action at the gym.

mercial city like Jeddah, tend to forget that keeping their body in proper shape is also essential in the long run. They are so used to exercising their minds that the body's physical fitness gets neglected. Suddenly, in old age they find that the mind is active but the bodily system has gone haywire due to lack of constant attention.

Abdul Halim said: "A spokesman too often sees the best part of his career evaporate, or is a mere passenger on a thrilling field due to either some recurring injury or lack of strength to cope with the battle. Had he availed of the benefits that modern technology puts forth, he could have very well avoided all the agony."

And the answer is the health center, specially for the affluent who lead a cushioned sedentary life. Unless he goes jogging regularly along the coastline preferably early in the morning before the heat and humidity makes it a punishing exercise.

Man today is so preoccupied keeping pace with the world that he has little time to give his health a second thought with the result that the quality and working span are reduced considerably, according to Abdul Halim.

An hour at the health center a day will help keep the doctor away, should be the thought for the day, he concluded.



WATCHFUL EYE: Abdul Halim Ballout together with Benny Slandes, area perfect, inspect a watchful eye as Ransamanda Shetty tests the water of the swimming pool (right); Halim instructing an enthusiast on the finer points of the Cycles in the gym.

Czechs net half dozen

BRATISLAVA, Czechoslovakia, May 28 (R) — Czechoslovakia boosted their prospects of making it to the world Cup Soccer finals in Spain when they crushed Iceland 6-1 in a Group Three qualifying match here Wednesday night.

The victory took Czechoslovakia to the second berth in the Group with six points from four games. The leaders Wales have won all their four matches so far.

Iceland did well to keep the Czechs in check till the 36th minute. But then Vizek scored and six minutes later Pateneca, the midfielder, who plays in Austria, added a second from a penalty.

In the last quarter, Czechoslovakia were all over the Iceland goal and with minutes left, Nehoda blasted home for their third goal. Janecka, who came in for the injured Nehoda and Kozak scored in quick succession to put them further ahead before Janecka struck again to complete the tally.

Iceland reduced the margin in the 53rd minute through Bergs, who plays for Borussia Dortmund in West Germany, when he headed home following a flag-kick.

Meanwhile, France's Chateauroux football team has decided to take part in the South Korean President's Cup tournament starting on June 13 for two weeks, along with 11 other countries, the Korean Football Association in Seoul announced Thursday.

The participating teams are divided into two groups, with two teams from each group advancing to the finals. Argentine pro team, Racing de Bordoba, French Chateauroux, West Germany's Saarbrucken, and national teams from Japan, Malaysia and host South Korea make up to Group 'A', while Brazil's Vitoria Club, Winterthur Club of Swiss, Uruguay's Danubio, and national teams from Indonesia, Malis, Thailand are bunched in Group 'B'.

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Reagan's proposal to trim social security benefits stirs row

By David S. Broder

WASHINGTON—U.S. President Ronald Reagan plunged into a new political battle, potentially more divisive than the budget and tax fights, with his proposals recently to trim future social security benefits and impose stiff financial penalties for early retirement. Reagan did what no previous American president has ever dared do — he urged Congress to take a major slice from the most cherished and widely supported benefits program on the books.

While the plan was carefully crafted to pressure retirement benefits for those now in the system, allow them to increase their outside earnings without penalty and hold out the promise of future payroll tax relief for younger workers, it stirred immediate controversy. Chairman Claude Pepper, D-Fla., of the House Select Committee on Aging described the plan as "nothing more than a wholesale assault on the economic security of America's elderly population," and two major organizations of retirees chimed in on cue with their denunciations.

The general reaction in Congress was more moderate, with Rep. J.J. Pickle, D-Texas, chairman of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee on Social Security, calling Reagan's proposal "a sincere package" that could provide the basis for "a bipartisan approach" to the financing problems facing the Social Security Trust Fund. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bob Dole, R-Kan., said the plan would "meet important objectives" being sought in other ways by members of his committee.

But even those who conceded that some reductions in the nation's oldest and most popular income-support system were made inevitable by inflation, lagging economic growth and a sharp rise in the number of retired persons said the unexpected sharpness of Reagan's proposed cutbacks guaranteed a lengthy and bitter political debate. Many veterans on Capitol Hill said they never expected to see the day when a president would risk his political popularity on the social security issue to the extent that Reagan has done.

The sacred character of the social security system and the political power of its millions of beneficiaries have made politicians — including Reagan — shy away from tampering with it. During the campaign, Reagan repeatedly denied Democratic charges that he favored making social security "voluntary" and instead vowed — in a speech last October that was typical of his utterances — to "defend the integrity of the social security system ... and make sure benefits are adjusted to reflect the cost of living."

Last February, when he presented his economic plan to Congress and the country, Reagan said that

"the social safety net" would continue to protect "the full retirement benefits of the more than 31 million social security recipients ... along with an annual cost-of-living increase."

In weighing the alternatives he was given for averting the threatened exhaustion of the Social Security Trust Fund, Reagan — according to White House aides — insisted that the specific terms of his earlier pledges be honored. For that reason, the White House rejected a Senate Finance Committee proposal to trim \$8 billion by making a minor adjustment in the system's cost-of-living formula. As a result of Reagan's insistence, the existing retirement age, benefits package and cost-of-living adjustment were protected — for those now drawing retirement pay. "The sole impact today's proposals would have on the ... beneficiaries now on the rolls would be a three-month delay in the automatic cost-of-living increase scheduled for July 1982," Health and Human Services Secretary Richard S. Schweiker said.

But critics complained that Reagan had honored his campaign pledge only at the price of unnecessarily severe restrictions on disability benefits for almost three million people and sharp reductions in the share of their retirement income that today's workers can expect to receive from social security. There were accusations that the cuts went far beyond what was necessary to meet the immediate trust-fund problem and were engineered to help balance the budget while cutting taxes and boosting defense spending.

"They've gone overboard," said Laurie Fiori, lobbyist for the American Association of Retired Persons. "It's overkill."

Robert Xall, a former social security commissioner who now is a leader of a coalition of 70 organizations seeking to preserve the system's benefits, said the contention that "they're taking advantage of a temporary financing problem to make permanent reductions" in benefits and beneficiaries will be a major issue in the coming debate.

It was evident that the administration had walked a political tightrope in fashioning its proposal. Retirees constitute a powerful and fast-growing political bloc, not only because of their raw numbers but because of their heavy voting percentage. The census bureau reported that seven out of every 10 people between ages 65 and 74 said they voted in 1980 — twice the rate of the youngest eligible to vote. A Gallup poll found that Reagan got his biggest share of the vote among those closest to his own age bracket.

Those now on the rolls would have their benefits maintained and indexed as before — except for the three-month delay — and would have the current limit on outside earnings phased out over the next three years. Although that last provision is sometimes called "the doctor's and dentist's plank," since two-thirds of its benefits are estimated to go to those making more than \$17,000 a year, it was another of Reagan's campaign promises and was welcomed by Pepper and the retirees' groups.

But those now nearing retirement age — a sizable bloc who also vote in large numbers — would fare less well. If they retired at 62, as more and more people are opting to do, they would receive 55 percent of their computed benefits, instead of the current 80 percent, and their spouses' benefits would be reduced proportionately.

The plan also attempts to strike a political bargain appealing to young people, particularly to the big "baby-boom" age cohort now between 25 and 35 and poised to move into the electorate in massive numbers. For years, political observers have been predicting that an intergenerational conflict will accompany the aging of the population. In the next 50 years, the ratio of workers to retirees will decline from the current 3 to 1 to 2 to 1.

The advance warning signs of the impact of that vast demographic change are found in the sharp increase in social security payroll taxes. In the past 10 years alone, the tax rate for employee and employer has gone up 25 percent on an expanded wage base. To ease this tax burden, by 1987 the Reagan plan would reduce the average monthly payment for a 65-year-old retiree by \$27 and for a 62-year-old retiree by \$32. According to Schweiker, that and other Reagan cutbacks would allow the average young person just entering the workforce to pay \$33,600 less in social security taxes over a working lifetime than would otherwise be the case.

Those thousands of dollars could be used by additional private retirement benefits. (WP)

Western aid essential for Poland's recovery

By Mark Frankland

WARSAW — Poland's economic recovery depends on new loans from the West in the opinion of both Polish and Western experts in Warsaw. The Polish government has blamed a good measure of this year's poor economic performance on labor problems: production of coal, the main hard currency export, has sunk back to the level of six years ago. Foreign businessmen visiting factories round the country have reported signs of slackness, with production lines often running at less than full speed.

But there is another very important, and some would say more important, explanation. Polish industry and agriculture depend heavily on the West for imports of raw and semi-finished materials. If Poland does not get them, a Western diplomat explained, "the lack of imports leads to reduced production, which leads to less hard currency exports, which in turn obliges Poland to import still less." This is not a vicious circle: it is a

vicious downward spiral. The West supplies many of the materials used by the chemical industry that has been built up here in the last 10 years. Poland has also been importing some three million tons of oil yearly, on top of deliveries from the Soviet Union. And Polish agriculture has become dependent on large supplies of Western feed grain.

Andrzej Wielowieyski, a leading member of Solidarity's distinguished team of experts, calculates that seven days' work for every worker was lost in the first three months of the year because of break in production caused by lack of materials. Vital industries have been dramatically affected. Production of pharmaceuticals, very dependent on Western imports, will be cut by half and the production of over 100 items, some of them basic, will be stopped altogether. It has just been announced that deliveries of concentrated animal feed to both state and private farms are to be reduced by some 40 percent.

Western governments have now agreed on the

rescheduling of 90 percent of Poland's debt for this year and foreign banks are expected to do likewise. A Western diplomat pointed out that when Third World countries are forced to reschedule their debts, they are also usually given aid at the same time.

The West can scarcely give aid to Poland, a member of the Soviet bloc, but it can make new loans and indeed it seems it had no choice but to do so. But Poles understand that there will be voices raised in the West against lending more money to a country that seems more interested in politicking than working. They accept that some of the criticism is just but they also plead for understanding. Wielowieyski uses the example of Silesia, where Poland's excellent hard coal is mined. He admits that if coal production could be increased by as little as 10 million tons a year (production this year should be over 170 million tons) the economic outlook would be much better. But he explains it is not realistic to expect this of the miners unless more are recruited.

In the 1970s miners were often working every other Sunday, supposedly voluntarily but in fact under considerable pressure to do so. "People in Silesia have had enough", he says. "It's impossible to force them to work, and they are furious if you offer to pay them three or four times more than other workers to get them to do so."

Two weeks ago the government reluctantly agreed, under pressure from Solidarity, to drop the so-called mobilization fund scheme, under which miners were tempted to work extra days by offers of meat and other scarce products.

This may seem perverse of the miners, Wielowieyski agrees, but it is explained by the strongly egalitarian and determinedly working-class atmosphere of Silesia. The miners object to being turned into a privileged working aristocracy while there are some three to six million poor people in Poland. The government would be ready to pay them as much for one day's work on Saturday as an old age pensioner gets in a month, but the miners have decided that this sort of system is wrong.

The egalitarian strain is very strong throughout Solidarity. So is the demand, which crystallized last summer, for an economic and social system that is properly Polish. "Perhaps the Germans can work well under a system they don't accept," an economist and party member said, "but the Poles have to have a system that reflects their national character. Until then we won't be efficient."

The state of the Polish economy, let alone the telling symptoms of discontent (like the appalling high rate of alcoholism), suggest he is right. But Poles are waiting anxiously to see if Western governments and banks understand the argument they are trying to make. —(ONS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers gave lead highlight to a press conference by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates, in Abu Dhabi Tuesday. Sheikh Zayed reaffirmed that the Arab states of the Gulf are capable of defending themselves and the Gulf Cooperation Council is a significant step toward boosting cooperation among the member states.

Newspapers frontpaged Saudi Arabia's decision to give nearly SR2 million to Lebanon for the development of the country. They also gave front-page highlight to U.S. President Reagan's decision to recall his Middle East emissary Philip Habib for "consultations."

The visit of King Hussein of Jordan to the Soviet Union and his welcome for an international conference on the Middle East was reported prominently on page one in the newspapers which also reported the arrival of Moroccan Foreign Minister Muhammad Boucetta in Riyadh for talks on economic, cultural and technical cooperation between Morocco and Saudi Arabia.

In a prominent page one story, *Al-Jazirah* said that Saudi Arabia has succeeded in convincing the OPEC states to freeze oil prices with a view to helping stabilize the world economy. *Al-Bilad* gave front-page highlight to a cable by French President Francois Mitterand, in which he told PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat that he was hopeful for the real-

ization of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Newspaper editorials still continued to comment on the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and its significance in the life of the peoples of the Region. *Al-Madina* said in an editorial that a united approach by the GCC states to international issues will foster wisdom and justice. The paper said with a sense of pride and satisfaction that the states of the region do not lack any protection now that the GCC has come into existence to look after the interest of the region and its people. The "vacuum" about which the major powers always spoke is no longer in existence after the formation of the council, and the elimination of this vacuum is the first fruit of the GCC, the paper added.

Al-Jazirah said that, with the conclusion of the first summit conference, a new stage of joint Gulf action starts putting the potentialities and capabilities of the Gulf people to a real test. The people of the Gulf will, therefore, be responsible for every positive and negative result on the road to regional unity, the paper said. It further hoped that the experiment of cooperation would be crowned with success, giving a correct and congenial atmosphere for joint work by the member states. The paper added that the Arab world in particular, and the rest of the world in general, will watch this

experiment, as it has taken shape amidst those extremely complicated circumstances which have bedevilled the world at present.

Al-Bilad said that the Gulf region has embarked on a new era after the formation of the GCC which will look after the varied interests of the region and its peoples. The paper recalled that the major powers will not cease having high ambitions on the region; therefore, the peoples of the region will be called upon to preserve their achievement and support the role of their leaders in aiding the region's development and striving for the stability, peace and welfare of the region and its peoples.

Dealing with the same subject, *Okaz* said that the GCC states have expressed their full commitment to the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) as well as to the issues of the Third world and the world in general. With a view to maintaining international stability and balance, the GCC states refused to enter into the strategies of the major powers because their keenness to keep the region aloof from international strife and tension, the paper said. The paper expressed appreciation of the welcome of sincere circles for the formation of the GCC at a time when the powerful try to suppress the weak in the world. After the formation of the Council, a new chapter starts in the life of the region with every component of cooperation in the best interest of the region and its people.



Radiologist to official: "You've severe 'work pressure'." *Al-Bilad*

Absolute equality

by ADIL SALAHI

Last week we discussed how every individual human being is brought to account on the Day of Judgment and then rewarded according to his or her record in his or her life on earth. We established that from the Islamic viewpoint each individual is answerable to Allah for his deeds. None can escape the reckoning and none can lay the blame on anybody else. All are brought together on equal footing and judged by the same standard.

A question may be raised here about the sort of questioning that takes place on the Day of Judgment. The Qur'an always stresses two main qualities which have to be fulfilled by any human being in order to be good. These are: faith in Allah and good actions. In other words to believe in the Divine ideology, i.e., the religion based on the unity of Allah and to translate this faith into action, or rather, to live it in practice.

These are the two main qualities. Neither is sufficient on its own. They have to go hand in hand. Faith on its own remains an abstract, passive quality unless it becomes a dynamic, driving force which imposes its color over all life activities. Similarly, good deeds remain, from the Islamic point of view, spiritless and meaningless unless motivated by faith and unless they seek the pleasure of Allah.

On the Day of Judgment, the criteria of faith and good actions are applied in order to give every individual his or her just reward. All human beings are equally required to believe in Allah and to live up to the standards of goodness set by Islam. These stan-

dards are the same as those set by the earlier Prophets from Adam to Jesus. They have only been purified, confirmed and perfected by the message of Prophet Muhammad.

Since all people are equally charged with these obligations, it follows that they all are equally endowed with the ability to fulfill these obligations; otherwise, justice can not be achieved. As Muslims, we cannot conceive that Allah may entertain any thought of the slightest injustice to anyone. Total and absolute justice is one of His essential attributes. Hence, we state with all the necessary emphasis that all human beings regardless of their standard of education, civilization or sophistication are equally susceptible to believe in Allah, the Creator of the universe. They are equally endowed with the spiritual qualities which lead to accepting the faith, as an ideology and a code of conduct which they would implement in life to achieve happiness in both this world and the world to come.

This is not to say that people with a high degree of intelligence, education or common sense cannot achieve a better perception of faith or a higher standard of sublimity through faith. What I'm trying to emphasize is that all people are equal in their receptiveness to faith and their willingness to implement it. Having accepted the faith in Allah, each is judged according to how he or she implements it in his or her life.

This obviously needs a more elaborate discussion which our allowed space cannot accommodate. I will have to leave it until next week.

Islam in perspective

What the Qur'an teaches Mission transferred

Thus we have made you a middle nation that ye might be witnesses for mankind (even as) the Messenger is himself a witness for you. And We only appointed the Qibla you formerly observed so that we could distinguish those of you who follow the Messenger from those who turn on their heels. And it was a grave matter (for all) except those guided by Allah. Allah would not suffer your (expenditure of) faith to be wasted, for Allah is Kind, Merciful, where people are concerned.

We have seen the turning of your face toward the heavens (searching for guidance, O Muhammad), and now We will cause you to turn toward a Qibla which shall please you. So turn your face toward the Sacred Mosque, and you (O Muslims), wheresoever you may be, direct your faces toward it. Those who (for - merit) received the Scripture know well that it is the Truth from their Lord, and Allah is not unheeding of what they do. (The Cow 2: 143 - 4)

The passage selected for this week looks at the moment foreseen in the Sacrifice, when the time came for the prophetic function to be transferred from the younger branch of Abraham's family, from the Jews to the Arabs.

This transition was dramatized in the change of Qibla from Jerusalem to Makkah.

Up till that moment, year 2 of the Hijra, Muslims had prayed toward Jerusalem. But now the direction of prayer is to be changed from the temple built by Solomon to a much more ancient site, more intimately connected with the Abrahamic tradition, the Ka'ba built by Adam but rebuilt by Abraham with Ismael's help. The mosque where this dramatic break with the past took place, known as Masjid al-Qiblain, or the Mosque of the two

Qiblas, still exists in Medina.

The verse above means that the God-man relationship that religion involves operates here on two levels: *taqlid* and *tabligh*, or enchainment with the task and propagation of the faith. First, the Prophet is given the task of communicating the revelation of Islam to the Arabs in their own tongue. Next, the Arabs in their turn become charged with the task of spreading it *tabligh* far and wide. This is in consequence of their privileged geographical situation; at the point of intersection of three continents. The Middle East is of course the geographical as well as the historical center of the world, and the Arabs were therefore strategically situated to spread the new faith to the four corners of the earth. Now we can see why it was so important that Abraham's seed should be spared in

the person of Ismael. As progenitor of the Arabs, it was reserved for his seed to become the vehicle whereby Allah's final revelation could be brought to the ends of the earth. According to this plan the Prophet stands in the same relation to the Arabs as they do to the other nations occupying this planet: he is a witness for them even as they, the Arabs, are witnesses for all mankind.

The related notion of finality (in revelation) is something that, Allah willing, we shall explore next week.

Dr. Yakub Zaki

later to rank among its greatest advocates.

It should be pointed out, however, that total secrecy in these matters cannot be maintained, particularly in a society such as that of Makkah where tribal loyalties are paramount. It is needless to say the favorable response was not universal among those

approached by the Prophet. Some, indeed, responded with hostility or derision. Some felt it their duty to expose the Prophet's secret, as it represented in their view an imminent threat to their society and its values.

Thus, Makkah learnt gradually that a number of its people are grouping together in revolt against the established system of idol worship. A few notables and tribal chiefs viewed the matter with grave concern. Others preferred not to anticipate events. As long as the new group kept to themselves, they argued, they cannot pose a serious threat to their society. But the hardliners were to prevail as we shall see.

One thing that should be pointed out about this period of discreet propagation of Islam is that the early Muslims realized that everyone of them should work hard in communicating the message of Islam to other people. Abu Bakr's efforts in this regard are noteworthy.

In the first few days after he embraced Islam he won to the new call at least nine people of high calibre. His example has always been followed by Muslims who acquire a good awareness of the nature of the religion of Islam. To advocate Islam and to propagate it is, to a Muslim, an important duty.

This concept imparts a special characteristic to Islam. In Islam we have no formal missionary work. The correlative to this is that every Muslim participates actively in the propagation of Islam and conveying its message to mankind.

(To be continued next Friday)

A journey to the holy city of Medina Munawwara

By Muhammad Abdul Qayyum Rizvon

In former times, it was known as Yathrib. Then its name changed. In fact, it became so famous and pre-eminent at once, that it had no need of a name. For fourteen centuries, all over the world, when the city ("Madinah") was mentioned, people would know instantly that the city was the second most sacred in the world of Islam and it was the resting place of Syedina Muhammad (May the peace and blessings of Allah be on him!).

In a glowing tribute to this city, Europe's most famous newsman, Leopold Weiss (of Jewish parentage, who embraced Islam after years of first hand study of Arab Muslims and is now known as the venerable Mohammed Asad), writes in his book a road to Makkah.

"For more than thirteen hundred years, so much love has converged here that all shapes and movements have acquired a kind of family resemblance, and all differences of appearance find a tonal transition into a common harmony... This unifying harmony... an indescribable emotional link with its great spiritual past has remained alive. Never has any city been so loved for the sake of one single personality; never has any man, dead for over thirteen hundred years, has been loved so personally, and by so many, as he who lies buried beneath the great green dome."

In loyalty to his traditions, the Islamic Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has introduced facilities for the benefit of the people whose grandeur has to be seen and experienced to be believed. One such, the airconditioned luxurious SAPTCO buses, have made it feasible for one in the Kingdom to visit the Radiant City during the weekend and be back at his desk Saturday morning with no sign of fatigue.

Thursday night, I joined the international queue at the Corniche terminal a little after 8 P.M. Saudis, Egyptians, Pakistanis, Indians, Somalis, Sudanese, Mauritians, Turks, almost every Muslim nationality was represented. And special buses had been pressed into service to meet the rush of zaayireen (pilgrims seeking the audience).

We were directed to a double decker, the deluxe one and promptly I plumped for one of the front seats on top. As the bus glided through Hail Street, past Hamrah Palace, and on to Madinah Road, we had an enthralling view of the bejewelled beauty of Jeddah by night. Like strung pearls, the lights gleamed along the sea front and the modern avenues and overflyovers. Villas and tall office buildings and showrooms had risen in record time and the barren desert of just 4 years before was nowhere in sight.

En route we saw the row of lights of a new port which had been built with remarkable speed - Qudimah. The New Madinah Expressway would start from here and this could be a teeming city within the next years!

On to Raghīb, fishing port and now the locale of a great new refinery! Saudi Arabia is on the march, a modern industrial power is taking shape on a firm foundation of Islamic tradition. Unlike in Western countries, the machine here is planned not to enslave man but to improve his life style and give him the wherewithal to compete with the advanced countries without losing his own advanced status in spiritual living and harmony in family relations and social integration.

A refuelling stop in Badar - the historic battle front which marked the triumph of Islam. It was a war forced on the Muslims. Outnumbered and outweped, they had fought under the Prophet's leadership and earned eternal glory for their valor and dedication to Islam. An entire family, a father, mother and their two young sons, had sacrificed their lives in protecting and shielding their leader from the enemies' arrows and spears enshrining for their family a niche of glory in the annals of martyrdom!

We had a satisfying dinner, even at the late hour, of fried rice and meat. Fine fruit, apples, oranges, bananas and pears were in plenty. But the best feature was the "Barrasad Shaayee" - hot, steaming pot of tea with twin cups, which regaled you as you sat in comfort on the high backed rope woven benches or stretched yourself on during the half-hour stop.

Passing Bir 'Ali, the suburb of Madinah, where the Prophet had donned Ithram on his first and only Haj journey, we could see the

lights of the Radiant City and the marked twin towers of the Great Mosque. Everyone had woken up and lips were on move, chanting blessings and salutations on the Great Personage who had brought us knowledge of our Creator and taught us everything we need to know about life and religion and the life to come. Among the countless words of homage and adoration addressed to him, one poem stated in classic brevity, "After God, you are the most worthy of respect and love!" All that a Muslim needs to know and remember and carry with him to the grave are the glorious names of Allah, Muhammad (Sal), and Islam!

Madinah is today one of the cleanest cities in the Kingdom and the welcome arches erected for the Monarch were still in place. We got down on the Airport Road and performed Wudhu (washing up for prayers) at the well maintained wash rooms at the junction of the Airport Road and the marble paved promenade leading the Holy Haram.

There was a grateful chorus of "Alhamdulillah!" (Praise be to Allah) as the uniquely melodious adh'an (call to prayer) for the Thabaijūd (late night prayers) wafted from the amplifiers. The adh'an of the Madinah muezzins has a special appeal to zaayireen and it is believed they are from the lineage of Syedina Bilal (the freed slave, a black man, who endured unbearable torture at the hands of his master as he embraced Islam against the latter's wish, and who became one of the Prophet's closest companions and remains an honored and beloved name in the history of Islam).

We entered the Great Mosque and we made a bee-line for its sanctum sanctora - the Riyadul Jannah. The Prophet had remarked that the area between the Mimbar (Pulpit) of the Mosque and his dwelling (Saiyida Ayisha's one-room house, in which the Messenger of Allah breathed his last and which is now his resting place) are the flower plots of the Garden of Paradise. There is always a 150% occupancy here (and even more) at all hours. Pilgrims and even residents cherish the opportunity to find a place among the rows of worshippers who face the Makkathul Mukarramah's Holy Kaaba for prayer and for recitation of the Holy Quran at other times.

During the Haj season, it is virtually impossible to find a place here. People assemble and it is fully occupied even 3 full hours before each prayer and they seldom vacate their places and go on from prayer to the next prayer, sitting in complete silence and reading the Holy Book or in reciting the names of Allah and making duaayen. The Turks especially are foremost in this quest and the space between the worshippers lined up for the Fardh (the five obligatory prayers of the day) gets progressively reduced.

At this time of the year, it is comparatively easy and I find a place right away and start my prayers. But first of all, I have quietly turned towards the tomb and softly made my respectful salutations and conveyed also those from my family. It is hard to keep back one's tears. But the time is for prayer and I make the best use of it. Every rakaath performed here is recorded for a reward 5,000 times more bountiful than made elsewhere (but the Grand Mosque in Makkathul Mukarramah is still more sacred and the reward there is 100,000 times more, according to the Prophet's sayings).

The first prayer of the day (the Fajr) followed closely on Thabaijūd (which are optional prayers, but yet held in the high esteem as the Prophet regularly performed them. Saiyida Ayisha is on record as saying that in their small dwelling, whenever she woke up from sleep late in the nights, she would find the Prophet standing up for prayer or making sajdah in the narrow space he could find from the place left for his most beloved wife to sleep in and toss about in her innocence).

Early in the morning, braving the cold and frost, the venerable Imam was there to lead us. My thoughts go back to a travelogue written by a compatriot four years ago. The religious scholar from India reminisced about his earliest visits to Madinah and said that the Imam had been leading prayers in the Great Mosque for 27 years and his love and devotion to the Prophet was such that the zeal and intensity of faith which marked his Imamate had never waned with advancing age. And the period of service now was over 31 years!

After salaah, while most people go on to make salutations to the Holy Prophet (Sal), many in the Riyadul Jannah remain seated and recite the Holy Quran. Hundreds of volumes of this great book are arranged neatly in aluminum-lined book-cases and there is no dearth of volunteers to hand the volumes around and take them back and re-arrange them after recitation by the assembly. This morning, it is a person from my own country. He has remained at this post the greater part of two hours just rendering this service.

The Great Mosque was a modest house of worship when it was built in the first year of Islam. It had a roof made of palm fronds and the floor was unpaved. When it rained, there was not much protection and the Holy Prophet's brow would have caked mud still on his shining brow when he raised his head after sajdah. And by the side of the Melirab (the niche) where the Prophet used to stand and lead the prayers, there was a dried palm trunk on which he would lean as he spoke to the assemblies of Momindeen. A noblewoman of Madinah offered to have her slave make a wooden pulpit for him and this was accordingly made and the Prophet used it for his next sermon. It is recorded with unimpeachable evidence that the date palm was heard to sob and cry like a disappointed human being as it felt neglected. The Prophet came down and placed his hand in compassion over it and only then did its sobbing cease.

In this center of Islam, as the Muslim presents himself, he has the dictate of the Holy Quran imprinted on his heart that utmost decorum is expected of him and anyone exceeding the limits will lose his lifetime record of good deeds even without his knowing it. As such the examples of humane behavior and deference and mutual harmony and cooperation found among the zaayireen here, are unsurpassed anywhere.

To cite an instance, the Iqamah (call to line up for prayer) for Jumaa was broadcast and we stood up with a sense of fulfillment that the hours of waiting for this supreme moment were now well rewarded. The Riyadul Jannah was full and packed. A very fat person, who had turned up late and sat there reciting the Holy Quran, tried to position himself in any one row, but could not. A Saudi young man generously let him take his own place and walked past to join the rows far behind. But a Mauritanian scholar, in a white turban and flowing robes, held him by the hand and positioned him in the place he had just vacated for him, and himself retreated to the rear rows with a smile of deep satisfaction on his face.

By my side, a pleasant Turk in his middle age had seated himself for over half an hour and when others remonstrated at the lack of space, his thin moustache and beard beamed into an apologetic smile and with forefinger raised skywards he had quietly silenced all objections. Now, as we stood up for salaah, we gallantly offered him a place, squeezing ourselves to the maximum to offer him space. But he immediately harped back and brought in an old man - his father or elder brother, may be - from the back rows, pushed him into the place offered him and himself vanished to the back rows!

In these symbolic ways, we were striving in our own humbly way to follow the exalted behavior of our Prophet whom Allah Himself has upheld as the best of all human beings ever created by Him. He was a divinely ordained personality. Yet he lived and died like any ordinary human being, dressed himself in ordinary and even coarse clothing, was content with the simplest fare and sometimes went without food even. The whole country had embraced Islam and he was the supreme and beloved ruler; yet he lived like a poor man, sleeping on a mat woven from palm leaves, living in a small mud-walled and thatched home, and spending whole nights in prayer. And he had proclaimed, "Anyone who dies in debt or leaves behind dependents who are in danger of becoming destitutes, they should come to me because I am their guardian"; and his pleading with Allah was that he might remain a destitute himself all his life, that he may associate with destitutes and on the day of judgment, he may be resurrected from among the destitutes.

The late Abul Ala Moududi, winner of the first of the King Faisal Foundation prizes, pays this homage to the Prophet: "He felt not the least shame in working like a laborer. To

the end, there was not the slightest tinge of royal pomp or show or hauteur of the high and mighty in him. Like an ordinary man, he would sit and walk with people and share their joys and sorrows... In the struggles and endeavors of his whole life he did not seek any reward or profit for his own person, nor left any property for his heirs. He dedicated his all to his Millat.

"Through Muhammad alone can we know the straight path of Islam. The Quran and the life-example of Muhammad (may peace be on him) are the only reliable sources that are available to mankind to learn Allah's Will in its totality. He was the last of the prophets and all the instructions which it was Allah's will to impart to mankind through direct revelation, were sent by Him through Muhammad (may peace be on him) and are enshrined in the Quran and the Sunnah. Now, whoever, be a seeker after truth and be

anxious to become an honest Muslim, a sincere follower of the way of Allah, it is incumbent upon him to have faith in Allah's last prophet, accept his teachings and follow the way he has pointed to man. This is the real road to success and salvation."

Allah chose Arabia to be the homeland of His last and Final Prophet. And in the greatest miracle of history, Muhammad (Sal) convinced the numberless and warring tribes of Arabia to give up the pagan rites and beliefs they had inherited from their forefathers and to accept the one true religion which Allah had revealed to the prophets who had preceded him, Abraham, Moses, Jacob and Christ, and which was now perfected and revealed to mankind in the eternally unalterable and glorious Holy Quran. Alone and unarmed, he proved by his magnificent precept what a exalted and radiant being a Muslim is and he won them over by his unques-

tionable honesty, integrity, truthfulness and sincerity. In any other country, in any different set of circumstances and in any kind of challenges and dangers, he would certainly have achieved similar or even more spectacular results. For he was a divinely ordained personality. Of all earlier prophets, only Moses had spoken with Allah. But in the miracle of Meiraj, Muhammad (peace be on him) was admitted to the Divine Presence of Allah and the distance between the Creator of All Universe and His Rasool was "of two bows" and the Holy Quran is proof that he was the beloved of Allah. And he has guaranteed us salvation if we do not rebel against Allah.

After the Jumaa and sunnah and nafl prayers, I recited the Holy Quran for a while. And as the assembly of zaayireen thinned somewhat, I too joined the group standing

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Scientists await Halley's comet

Space traveler to make 1986 visit

By Thomas O'toole

LOS ANGELES (WP) — Even now, some of the largest telescopes on earth are peering deep into the constellation Canis Minor for the first physical sign that Halley's comet is on its way.

So far not even the 200-inch telescope on the top of California's Mount Palomar has seen anything, which comes as no great surprise to astronomers. Still halfway between the outer planets Uranus and Saturn, out about 1.3 billion miles from earth and moving toward us at a speed of 20,000 miles an hour, Halley's comet is no brighter than a star of the 25th magnitude. The most celebrated comet in history is not even a pinpoint of light in the most powerful of earthly telescopes.

All that is soon to change. Early next year Halley's comet will be visible to telescopic observers for the first time on its current visit to our corner of the universe. By 1983 Halley will reach Saturn's orbit and in 1985 will have crossed Jupiter's orbit. Drawn even faster by the gravitational pull of the sun, the comet will circle the sun on Feb. 9, 1986, the 29th time it will be seen to do so since Chinese astronomers first recorded it 240 years before Christ.

For the millions who witness it, the passage of Halley's comet will be a spectacular sight. The comet will circle the sun at 140,000 miles an hour. Its head will grow to more than 100,000 miles in diameter, its tail will spread to more than 50 million miles in length. Lighted by the sun for four months on the way in and four months on the way out, Halley's appearance in 1986 will be seen by more people than any other celestial apparition in history.

Halley will be followed by hundreds of telescopes, thousands of rockets and balloons, at least three unmanned spacecraft and the astronauts on as many as four flights of the space shuttle. Thousands of amateur astronomers plan to photograph it.

As rewarding an experience as Halley-watching will be from any earthly vantage point, the reward will be greatest in the southern hemisphere, which will get the best view of the comet brilliantly lit by the sun in the night sky as it departs for the outer reaches of the solar system. Whatever your

had wreaked such havoc. They found no signs of a meteorite — no craters, no iron and nickel fragments scattered in the soil. Only tiny, almost hollow spheres, a cosmic dust that could not be explained by an exploding meteorite.

"We were unable to discover traces of a ground explosion that would correspond to the energy of the 1908 event," the leader of the Soviet expedition wrote in 1960. "We found no traces of a collision with a meteorite."

Today scientists are convinced that the Tungus meteorite was a 100-meter-sized piece of the comet Encke that broke loose from its parent and exploded in the atmosphere over Siberia.

"There's been a lot of silliness about anti-matter, black holes and alien spacecraft identified with the Tungus event," JPL's Yeomans said. "The beauty of the comet explanation is that it's such a fragile object that it would explode above the earth and level all the trees but never leave a crater."

Comets are as old as the observable universe, but less has been known about these heavenly ghosts than anything else in the skies. The ancient Chinese made excellent observations of comets but put little thought into what they were and where they came from. The early Europeans gave comets origins lots of thought but seldom backed it up with observation.

"Part of the problem was Aristotle," says JPL's Yeomans. "Aristotle said comets were terrestrial phenomena, like rainbows. Nobody keeps records of rainbows."

All began to change in the 16th century, when the Danish astronomer Tycho Brahe proved that comets were not like rainbows and were, in fact, above the moon. Isaac Newton took cometology a giant step forward when he showed that comets didn't follow straight lines, but parabolic paths with the sun at one focus. Then along came Halley with his prediction that the comet now bearing his name would circle the sun every 76 years.

When Halley's comet made its last appearance in 1910, astronomers the world over observed it but failed to coordinate their efforts. Fewer than 20 percent of the 1910 observations were published, meaning that the records of many were lost forever.



ANTICIPATION: Earth telescopes are trained on space and watching the Canis Minor constellation for signs of the return voyage of Halley's comet, due in 1986.

Laboratory, said recently in an interview. "We're running out of time, but this mission is still an option for the United States."

The way Murray's minions have devised it, a spacecraft the size of the 4,000-pound Voyager that flew by Jupiter and Saturn would be launched from the space shuttle in July 1985 on a curving path opposite Halley's that would intercept the comet during its closest approach to the sun.

On the way to the meeting, the spacecraft's superb camera would continually photograph the comet, tracking it through space as it nears the sun and begins to boil and bubble. Less than five miles across, the core of Halley's comet is believed to be made of some porous stone packed with a primordial snow that throws off geysers, fumaroles, sprays and upside-down snowstorms when warmed by the sun.

With almost no gravity of its own, the tiny comet will dart here and there as it vents gas in almost every direction. The U.S. spacecraft would be the only one of the four to carry a navigating camera good enough to follow the comet's movements with the precision needed to intercept them.

Flying through the enormous and brilliantly lit coma, the cloud that surrounds the comet's nucleus, the spacecraft would sample the dust and gas streaming off the nucleus. Comets swarm with exotic dust particles — complex molecules of sodium, carbon, oxygen, nitrogen and hydrogen that have been part of them since the dawn of time. Not even moon rocks exemplify the primordial matter of the solar system in as pristine a form as the contents of a comet's core.

Doctors research cause of mystery baby deaths

By David Zinman

NEW YORK (N) — Last year, Lou Ann Busterna of Long Island noticed her week-old baby's color change as she slept in her stroller.

She put the baby in her cradle and went into the kitchen. "A few seconds later, I heard two short, horrifying screams. I ran in, picked her up and saw her go blue and limp."

Within seconds, Mrs. Busterna's husband was at her side. He gave the baby mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. It did not work. He shook her, then resumed artificial respiration while his wife called the rescue squad. As the ambulance pulled up, the baby started breathing again.

The incident is called a "near miss" in the language of the Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) movement. SIDS babies are those who suddenly and mysteriously stop breathing, usually while asleep. The Busternas' baby was one of the fortunate ones. She was saved.

Still, because of the close call, she was rigged by wire to an alarm monitor at home and watched closely during her first year of life. Twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, someone had to be within 10 seconds of her in case she stopped breathing again.

The national SIDS Foundation in Chicago says authorities estimate that crib death takes the lives of 6,000 and 7,000 babies a year in the United States — down from a toll of 8,000 to 10,000 deaths quoted during the 1970s. Experts think the lower figures are probably due, not to medical advances, but to a drop in the birthrate.

Despite the declining deaths, SIDS takes the lives of two or three babies in every thousand births. It is one of the biggest killers in the first year of life.

SIDS is also one of the oldest of medical ailments. The bible tells of a baby found dead in its cradle. The mother is blamed because it was thought she "overlaid" the child. For centuries, people believed that babies found dead in their cribs died from parental neglect or abuse. Many parents were burdened with guilt for the rest of their lives.

But SIDS, investigators have found no basis for this belief. In the vast majority of cases, experts say, crib deaths have nothing to do with any action on the part of a mother or father. Today, SIDS is looked on as a specific disease entity. However doctors have yet to discover its cause.

Sinkholes gulp Florida property in latest drought

By Philip J. Hiltz

WASHINGTON, (WP) — When Dominick Cipollone went out to his back yard in Altamonte Springs, Fla., last week to water his garden, he found that part of it — including tomatoes, grape vines, a pear tree, a 50-foot oak and a chain-link fence — had silently vanished. Where his garden stood there is now a hole 50 feet wide and 40 feet deep.

Cipollone was forced to move out of his home — complaining as he went of his lost tomatoes — because of the danger that the sinkhole in his yard would devour the house as well.

Sinkholes in Florida are the most dramatic result of a drought that is affecting parts of 42 states, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. The eight states not affected are Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Mississippi, Oregon and Alaska.

Despite spring rains, half the 166 key index stations around the nation are reporting near-record lows in streams and underground water levels for April. In the plains states, wells and reservoirs began to run dry and crop and cattle losses were predicted.

Heavy rains are predicted for most of the country during the next 30 days, however. A spokesman for the National Weather Service expressed hope that the rains will return conditions to near normal, although pockets of drought may persist.

More than four million residents of southern Florida, including those in the city of Miami, have been ordered to cut their water use by 25 percent, only a week after a voluntary curtailment of 10 percent failed to stem the loss of ground water.

It is the second-worst drought in 60 years in the area and may soon be the worst. If there is no rain in the next few days, a 50 percent curtailment in water use may be necessary, cutting off all water use except for necessities, according to a spokesman for the south Florida water management district.

So far, the drought has created at least eight sinkholes ranging in size from 50 to 300 feet across and from 10 to 100 feet deep. The largest, at Winter Park in central Florida, pulled a house and several automobiles into its 300-foot maw last weekend. Damage from the collapse is estimated at \$2 million. The other seven pits are in the same region, and at least two are slowly getting larger, though none approaches the size of the one at Winter Park.

Sinkholes appear during droughts because underground water has dissolved the limestone rock supporting the earth, creating water-filled caverns. As long as the water level remains high, it supports the earth, but when the water table drops, the earth collapses into the underground cavities.

In Florida, the greatest danger from drought is the gradual rise of salt water in the ground, as the fresh water on top is depleted. The area depends on shallow wells for most of its water, and once salt water has contaminated the wells they are destroyed. The area is still some weeks away from such an emergency.



RUSSIAN CONNECTION: A patient is hooked up to data collection instruments during an experiment in Moscow, U.S.S.R. The experiment is being carried out by a Soviet Georgian scientist who some believe can cure people of illnesses by affecting their "biofield."

In London's City International trade still thrives

By Murray Seeger

LONDON, (LAT) — Within a single square mile of London, not far from the famous Tower Bridge, a man with the right kind of credit can negotiate a loan for millions, in any currency that he chooses. He can buy almost anything, charter a ship to move it and lease a factory to process it.

He could probably put together the same package of services in Frankfurt or Zurich or Hong Kong, but in the ancient financial and commercial district of London — The City, it is called — he can probably do it faster. For The City is unique.

"In no place else in the world do you get so many interests so close together," a spokesman for the City observed recently.

"It would be hard to find an important international deal that London doesn't have a slice of."

The city's special atmosphere is enhanced by its narrow streets and alleys with medieval names like Mincing Lane, Cheapside, Giltick Hill and Bulls Head Passage. In the center of the City are Mansion House, the Lord Mayor's residence, and the Bank of England, the "Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," nearing her 300th birthday. Tucked into corners are salubrious old pubs like the George and Vulture and the Dandy Roll.

Perhaps the most remarkable element in London's pre-eminence as a trading center is its continuity; it goes back to when London was a Roman settlement, and it survived the collapse of the British Empire, the decline of the British economy and the decline of London as a seaport.

The Thames River docks that used to be the base for the City are gone. Even the famous Billingsgate fish market is preparing to move — to new, larger quarters along the Thames to the east.

The City, changing with the times, has become a mixture of the oldest and the new-



COSMOS: By 1983, Halley will reach Saturn's orbit (above) and in 1985 will have crossed Jupiter's orbit. Drawn even faster by the gravitational pull of the sun, the comet will circle the sun on Feb. 9, 1986. The 29th time it will be seen to do so since 240 B.C.

viewpoint, however, you won't marvel at the wondrous scene that Halley-watchers saw in 1910, when the comet displayed itself broadside to the earth. This time the comet will pass behind the sun instead of in front of it.

This is one reason some people compare Halley's arrival in 1986 to Kohoutek in 1973, when a ballyhooed new comet never gave the performance it promised. So embarrassed were news editors that many banned all mention of comets, thereby missing another new comet named West that split into four different comets before the eyes of those who happen to be watching it in 1976 in spite of the editors' edit.

"The people who beat the drum for Kohoutek didn't know comets very well," said Raymond Newburn of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, Calif., where he is mounting a global Halley match. "Many new comets have things in them like carbon monoxide that vaporize far out from the sun and give us an appearance they don't sustain in close to the sun."

Even though it hasn't been seen since 1910, Halley is still the largest, brightest and best-known of the comets that make predictable periodic visits to the reaches of earth. Despite the Chinese sighting in 240 B.C., Halley's comet got its name from 18th-century British astronomer Edmund Halley, who observed that the comets that appeared in 1531, 1607 and 1682 behaved the same way and must have been the same comet returning at 76-year intervals.


"Halley predicted it would return again in 1758, and it did," said the JPL's Donald Yeomans, a Halley historian. "He was the first scientist to correctly figure that comets travel in predictable parabolic orbits around the sun."

Historically, Halley has a prominence few comets can claim. The comet appeared in 66 A.D. just before the destruction of Jerusalem, and in 1066 at the battle of Hasting, celebrated in cloth in the 271-foot-long Bayeux tapestry.

There is scientific evidence of at least one occasion when a comet actually may have caused havoc on earth. In 1908, in what is still one of the 20th century's most puzzling natural events, the fall of the so-called Tungus "meteorite" destroyed 700 miles of Siberian forest.

People for hundreds of miles around heard a noise like the rushing of a giant wind. When the wind had passed, a 70-mile strip of Khashma forest had been stripped of its trees. On either side of the denuded strip, trees still stood, but their crowns had been burned away and their branches bent down. Years later a team of Soviet scientists visited the forest to study the giant "meteorite" that

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'Spiderman' scales Chicago's Sears Tower

CHICAGO — Daniel Goodwin, 25, dressed as the fictional comic book hero Spiderman, became the first man to climb the world's tallest building — the 1,450-foot tall Sears Tower — from the outside last Monday.

Goodwin defied attempts by police and security guards to stop him as he rapidly scaled the 110-story building dressed in an orange and blue costume. He climbed the building with the aid of climbing equipment, a rope and suction devices. Police arrested the climber when he reached the top.

In 1977, a climber scaled one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York and was faced with a bill from the authorities for \$250,000 to pay for damage to the building and using police time. But public protest made the city cut the bill to \$1.10.



ALL SMILES: Daniel Goodwin, Kennebunk, Maine, looks up and smiles as he continues his ascent up the 1,454-foot tall Sears Tower in Chicago. The photo was taken from inside the building on the 83rd story of the 110-story building.



Daniel Goodwin



SEARS CLIMBER: The world's tallest building, the Sears Tower in Chicago, was the target for Daniel Goodwin when he climbed the 1,450 foot building (far right). Lower photo shows Goodwin ascending the building while a scaffolding follows him up as a precautionary measure. In upper photo, police wait to arrest the climber after he accomplishes his mission.



HUG: It was a dream come true for little Jamie when he was allowed to make friends with a young camel. He hugged it, talked to it, and nearly went to sleep on its neck. Jamie, whose mother works at the Royal Windsor Safari Park in England, has been brought up with animals and considers them all his friends.



WOUNDED: Dart Anthony of the Humane Society of Southern Nevada holds Doma the duck who was captured after she ate bread laced with barbiturates. The arrow piercing the duck's breast was removed and she's in good shape.

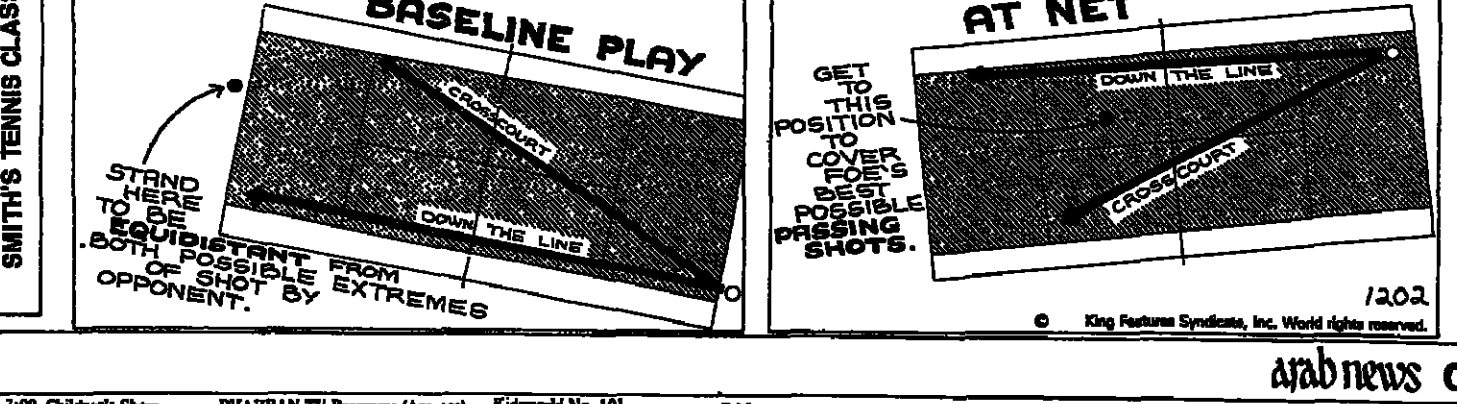
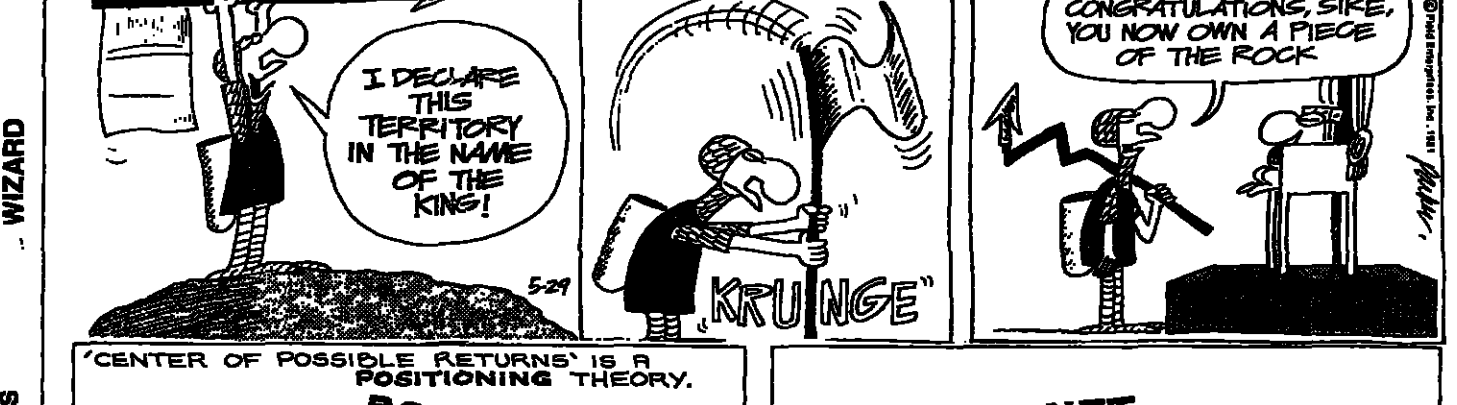
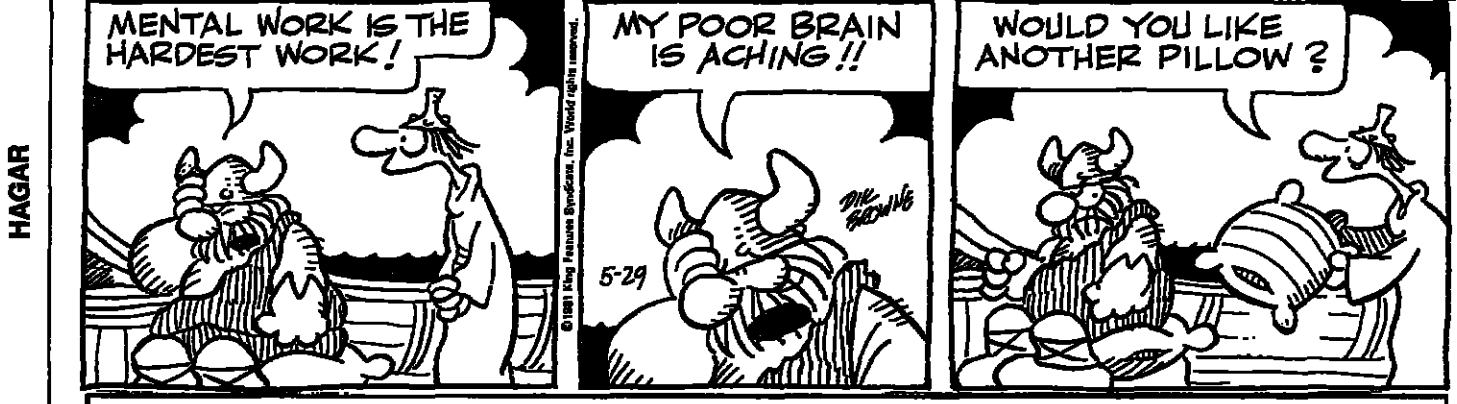
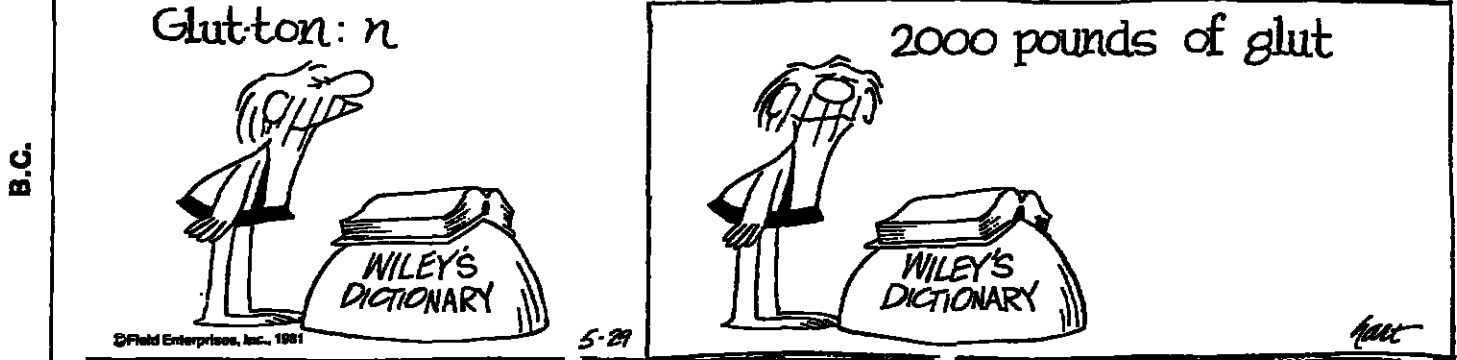
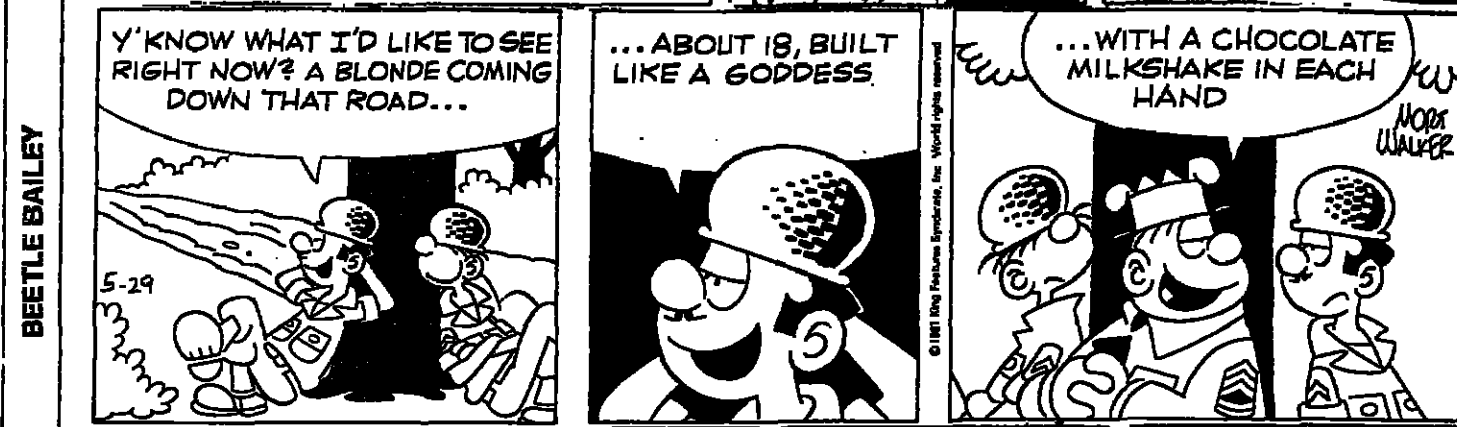


SLOW-GOING: Ox-drawn sleds are the traditional and still the most prevalent form of transportation in Transkei.



WHICH ANIMAL IS WHICH?: G.S. Gamachini, Radio 1 D.J. (he's the one in the funny underwear) went to Eastbourne's circus, but was met by an irate kangaroo, who, obviously, didn't approve of his choice of records.

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Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

Test Your Dummy Play

1. You are declarer with the West hand at Four Hearts and North leads a trump. How would you play the hand? (Played correctly, the contract cannot be defeated regardless of how the North-South cards are divided.)

2. Obviously, the chief danger is the possibility of losing two trump tricks. This can occur only if the trumps are divided 4-1, so the problem is how to guard against this possibility.

If you were to lead dummy's ace of clubs at this point, you would go down if it turned out that North started with the K-10-7-3. The best way of protecting against this possibility is to return to your hand by overtaking dummy's king of hearts with your ace and playing the nine of trumps.

If North produces the ten or king, you win with the ace and have the contract firmly in tow. If North produces the seven, you play low from dummy and thus assure the contract. At worst, you lose one trump trick by adopting this method of play.

Of course, North may show out when you lead the nine of trumps at trick four. This could occur if South, holding the K-10-7-2 originally, made a smart play by ducking dummy's queen of clubs at trick two. In that case, you would assure the slam by going up with the ace of trumps and leading the five of trumps towards your J-8-6.

Your Individual Horoscope

FOR FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Don't take things for granted about a domestic matter. Artistic pursuits are favored. Romance is likely, but soften your ego.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Avoid carelessness at work. A social contact proves helpful in business. Curb escapist tendencies. Be thorough, to make progress.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Someone you recently met is more involved romantically than you realize. Don't be superficial. Let others know the real you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You'll profit from a behind-the-scenes vantage point. Soft-pedal career differences. Privacy allows romance to blossom.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) A friendship may turn into romance. Creativity is accentuated. Don't let worry about commercial remuneration hinder your efforts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you underestimated a situation at work, now you'll have the chance to gain a fresh and successful perspective. Combine business and pleasure.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Tact is needed with friends. Over-optimism about a career matter needs to be curbed. Distant interests have romantic overtones.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Work performance could be erratic. This is a perfect time to further the cause of love for both singles and married couples.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Don't overextend credit. Though a planned engagement may have to be changed, the outlook is still good for heart interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Mixing business and pleasure works to your benefit. Minor problems could exist on the home front. Be careful not to over-react.

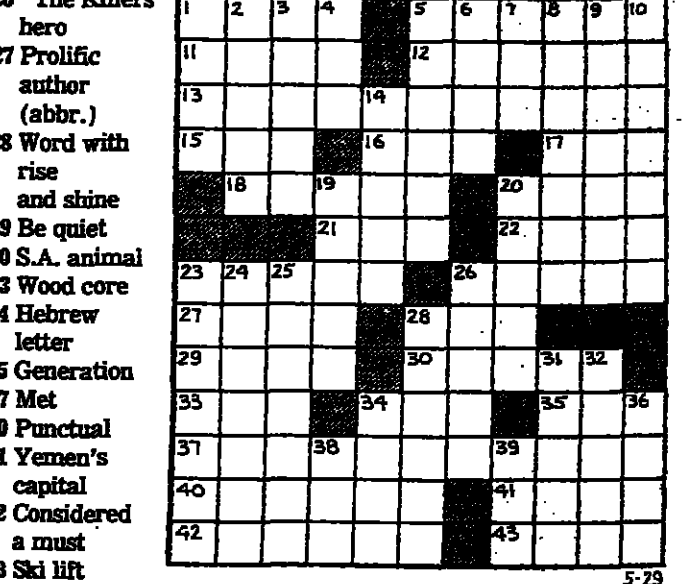
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Heart interests are favored over mental pursuits. Though your thinking may be erratic, you know what you have your heart set on.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) Home entertainment is favored, but don't make a big thing of it. Keep expenditures within reasonable limits. Enjoy home life.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS: 1 Despot, 5 Immobile, 11 Without (Ger.), 12 Denver, 13 Brando is one, 15 Actress, 16 Demon, 17 Lean-to, 18 Violin's ancestor, 20 Ballet skirt, 21 "Squealer", 22 Son of Jacob, 23 Trimmied, 26 "The Killers" hero, 27 Prolific author (abbr.), 28 Word with rise and shine, 29 Be quiet, 30 S.A. animal, 33 Wood core, 34 Hebrew letter, 35 Generation, 37 Met, 40 Punctual, 41 Yemen's capital, 42 Considered a must, 43 Ski lift.

DOWN: 1 Vault, 2 Diaphanous, 3 Archib. column, 4 Alkali, 5 Kidnap, 6 Streetcar, 7 Fabled bird, 8 Excite (colloq.), 9 Recon-nottered, 14 Mountain nymph, 19 Musburger, 20 Brownish-yellow, 23 Model, 24 Windflower, 25 Flowerlike, 26 Debonair, 28 Dramatized, 31 Restore: improve (colloq.), 32 Sports site, 34 Heavy book, 36 Rearden, 38 Prescription abbr., 39 Exclamation.



DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXE is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES: VBZVXXHCHBYH VR N ZVRHNRH PX LOH RGVCLV. VL VR GCH-UNLDCB ZHNLO. -NBLPB YOHWOPM

Yesterday's Cryptogram: QUALITY MERCHANDISE: SOMETHING THAT DOESN'T WEAR OUT UNTIL IT'S PAID FOR.—FRANK A. CLARK

arab news CALENDAR

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5:17	Black Beauty	12:00	World News	12:00	World News	12:00	World News
5:41	Documentary	12:30	World News	12:30	World News	12:30	World News
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Japanese car sales scale new heights

TOKYO, May 28 (R) — Japanese vehicle exports claimed a record in April for the second consecutive month with increasing exports to the United States and the European Economic Community (EEC), particularly Germany, it was announced here Thursday.

The Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association said exports in April rose 4.2 percent to 558,981 from 536,411 in March, and 16 percent increase from 503,170 a year earlier.

Earlier this month, Japan and the United States reached an agreement limiting Japanese car exports for the financial year which started in April, and the EEC is seeking similar treatment to dampen trade friction. The association said exports to the United States last month rose 27.9 percent to 218,947 from March, up 5.6 percent from the same month last year.

Exports to the EEC in April rose 16 percent to 87,730 from March. Shipments to West Germany's free market last month, however, went up 115.1 percent to 36,346, which was a 116.3 percent gain on April last year.

But exports to Britain in April fell sharply by 30.3 percent to 14,866 from March, and they were down 30.7 percent from a year earlier. Shipments to Belgium fell slightly to 11,381 in April from 12,146 in March.

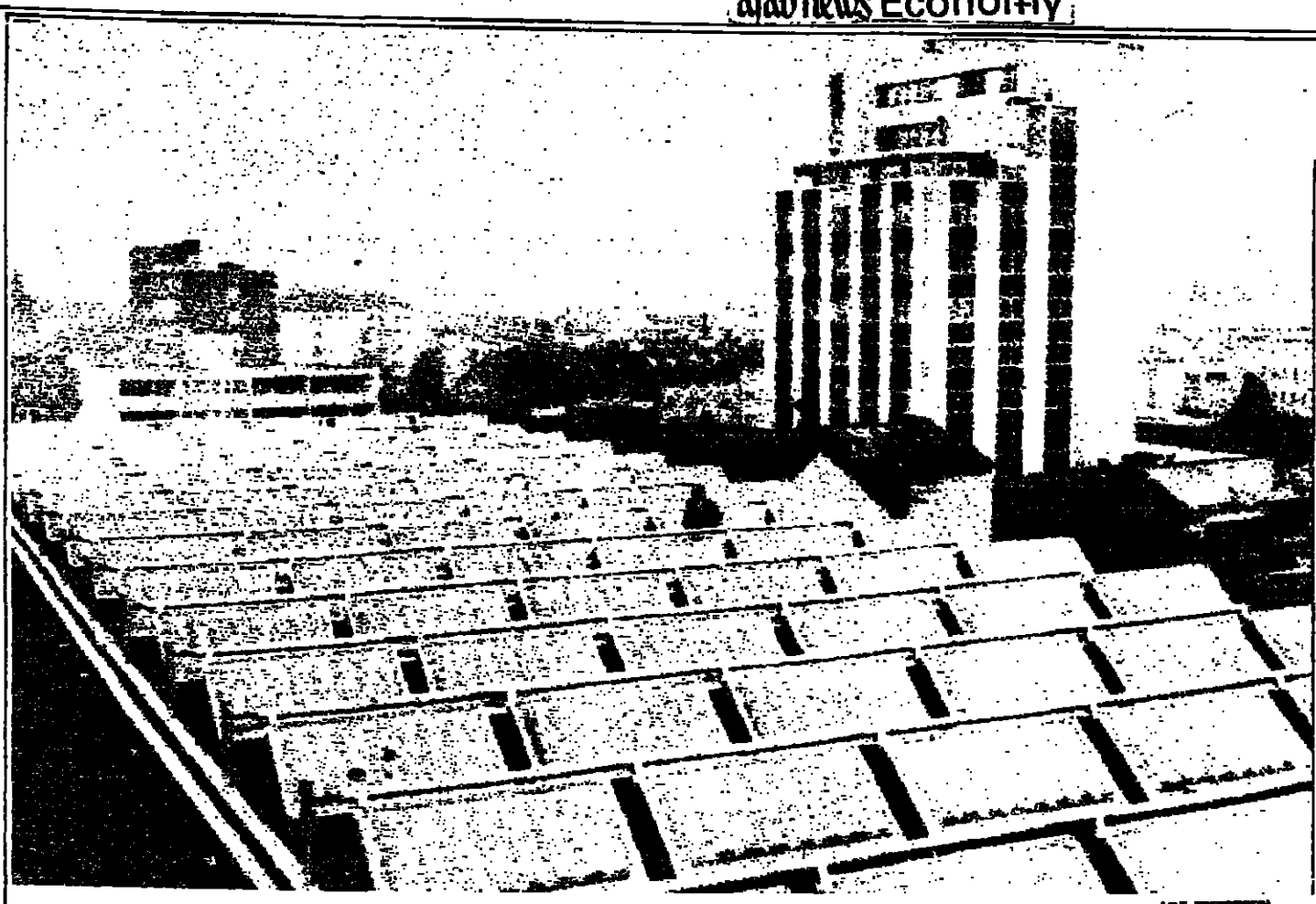
Japan's Trade Minister Naohiro Amaya is in Brussels at present for talks with EEC officials on cars. Before leaving Tokyo, Amaya said that he saw little reason to expect that Japan would cut car exports to the EEC as a whole, although there was some sympathy for setting limits for certain countries such as Belgium.

Tuesday, two weeks before Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki is due to visit Europe, more than half of the parliamentary members of Japan's ruling party signed a resolution stating that the issue of car exports to the EEC, as well as Canada, should be left to the free market.

World Bank lends Egypt \$64 million

WASHINGTON, May 28 (AP) — The World Bank announced Thursday the approval of a \$64 million loan to Egypt to support a rehabilitation program for the steel-making facilities.

The loan will be made to the Egyptian Iron and Steel Company, the country's largest steel producer. The bank said the program is expected to raise the plant's production level from about 900,000 tons a year of liquid steel to about 1.2 million tons a year.



SUN ROOF: A field of solar collectors set up on the roof the Darmstadt PTT, West Germany, was put into operation recently. One hundred and one collectors provide a sensitive area of 202 sqm heating up a 12,000 liter water boiler to 50-60 centigrade, enough hot water needed in the various installations of the building. The 425,000 marks pilot project saves heating oil worth 20,000 marks per year.

OPEC deal seen as prelude to final pact

GENEVA, May 28 (AFP) — The conference of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) here Monday and Tuesday, ending with a limp compromise, is seen by oil producers as just a stage toward a full-fledged agreement on prices and output.

Such an accord could be set up at the next conference in Abu Dhabi next December, according to Kuwaiti Oil Minister Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah and Venezuelan Minister Humberto Calderon Berti.

At Geneva, Saudi Arabia got the 12 other OPEC members to freeze prices for the rest of this year, in return the 12 await a gesture from Riyadh in the form of a price rise from \$32 to \$34 a barrel as well as a cut in its output which is now 1,500,000 barrels a day above normal.

Saudi Arabia, top OPEC producer accounting for 40 percent of total extraction, made no formal pledge, but it gave the other exporters certain assurances along these lines.

A return to balance in the oil market, currently witnessing a surplus of two to three million barrels a day, this primarily depends on decisions by Saudi Arabia. The production cut of "at least 10 percent" announced by a majority of OPEC members — that is the 13 less Saudi Arabia, Iran and Iraq — should have little effect on the extraction rate.

This reduction in theory means that 1,400,000 million fewer barrels will be delivered daily, the actual cut is unlikely to exceed one million barrels. This implies that the market will continue in surplus for months to come, especially since Iran and Iraq have said they will increase their share of output, their current rate being a combined 2,400,000 barrels a day.

Saudi Arabia could eliminate this surplus on its own if it phases down its output from 10 million to 8,500,000 barrels a day by next August. Some delegations affirm that it intends to do that. But quite apart from these short-term problems, the organization has to face the serious matter of its lessening influence in the world.

The international oil groups assert that in 1990 OPEC is likely to be meeting only 18 percent of world energy requirements, as against the present 28 percent and the 1974 figure of 34 percent.

This aspect was broached Wednesday by the long-term strategy committee of OPEC which met after the ministerial conference. Six countries are represented on this committee: Saudi Arabia, Venezuela, Kuwait, Iraq, Iran and Algeria. The chairman is Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani.

Meanwhile, in Washington, the U.S. government Wednesday welcomed OPEC's decision to freeze prices for the rest of this year. The ministers' decision was "a responsible action", State Department spokesman David Passage said.

"We welcome the decision not to raise oil prices," he said, adding that "the realities of the petroleum market" could eventually lead to a fall in oil prices.

U.S. raps EEC farm policy

BRUSSELS, May 28 (AFP) — The functioning of the European Economic Community agricultural system came under attack here from U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block after he met EEC Commission President Gaston Thorn and Agriculture Commissioner Poul Dalsager.

The United States cannot tolerate this system which gives EEC farmers an advantage over their American rivals, he said. The EEC subsidies policy led to glut with produce sold outside the community at assisted rates that were unfair to U.S. producers. The Americans particularly disliked the "restitution" system which helped exporters. EEC officials reminded him that the system for offsetting the EEC-world market price differential was accepted during international negotiations under the wing of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). World rates were sometimes two or three times lower than EEC rates, they noted.

Block further asserted that, as regards grain sales, the EEC now had "more than its equitable share" of the market at 15 percent

against the present 28 percent and the 1974 figure of 34 percent.

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Block said the U.S. was worried about EEC plans to impose taxes on vegetable oils, as these would hit American soya exports, and also about Spain's entry into the community. The possibility of an EEC ban on hormones for livestock was another matter for concern. Even so, he noted that the EEC was the best customer of the U.S. in the sector of farm produce.

"We're not going to sit back and quietly let this happen without any action on our part," he added. U.S. Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and U.S. Special Trade Representative William E. Brock made similar comments during visits this month.

All three officials were holding get-acquainted meetings with EEC officials to inform the 10-nation trading bloc of policy changes envisioned by the administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan.

U.S., Russia grain talks planned

LONDON, May 28 (R) — The United States and the Soviet Union will hold official talks on additional U.S. grain sales to the Soviet Union in London next month, U.S. Secretary of State for Agriculture John Block said Thursday.

The announcement, made in London during a 10-day visit to Europe by Block, comes just over a month since President Reagan lifted a U.S. embargo on grain sales to the Soviet Union.

During the talks June 8 and 9, the two sides will review world, U.S. and Soviet grain crops and discuss extra sale of grain to the Soviet Union under the current five-year grain agreement which expires at the end of September. Block told a press conference at the United States embassy in London.

The U.S. delegation will be led by Agriculture Under-Secretary Seelye Lodwick and the State Department and trade

office would be represented, he said. The Soviet Union would be represented by appropriately senior officials, Block added.

U.K.'s fresh bid to end staff stir

LONDON, May 28 (AP) — Civil Service Minister Lord Soames acted Wednesday to end a 12-week dispute with Britain's 600,000 civil servants that has fractured air transport and crippled tax collections.

Soames offered the nine civil service unions talks on their 15 percent pay claim, after they set a June 8 deadline for extending selective strikes to highly sensitive welfare and social security payments.

The pay claim covers everyone from janitors to permanent heads of ministries, over a pay of \$4,500 to \$33,000 (\$9,080 to \$66,000) a year. So far, the government has stood firm on a top offer of a 7 percent increase.

Union sources said Soames' offer of talks is certain to be accepted at a meeting Thursday and talks could start by the weekend or early next week.

London Commodities

Closing Prices		May 28	May 27
Gold (\$ per ounce)		479.50	469.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)		521.50	500.00
3 months		536.50	514.50
Copper cash		847.00	830.75
3 months		871.00	855.25
Tin cash		6132.00	6095.00
3 months		6250.00	6227.50
Lead cash		335.50	329.00
3 months		345.00	338.75
Zinc cash		411.00	396.25
3 months		420.50	405.75
Aluminium cash		621.00	619.00
3 months		640.50	638.25
Nickel cash		2990.00	2990.00
3 months		3041.00	3042.50
Sugar August		199.77	199.79
October		201.12	200.40
Coffee May		973.00	977.00
July		986.00	991.50
Cocoa May		854.00	838.00
July		872.50	857.50

Note: Prices in pence per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653908, Jeddah.

Financial Roundup

Riyal rates firm; dollar eases

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, May 28 — In a reversal of trends, riyal deposit rates continued to firm slightly, but dollar deposit rates eased on the European markets Thursday. On the London exchanges, however, the dollar continued to hold its own against other major currencies. Dealing volumes were reported low, however, since aside from London, all other major financial centers were shut Thursday.

In New York, the dollar closed lower after the European high of Wednesday. Dealers attributed this to a feeling in the United States that the dollar interest rates might have peaked. While there has been no outback from the present level of 20 1/2 percent for the prime rate, yet Chemical Bank cut back its broker loan rate from 20 1/2 percent to 19 1/2 percent.

Locally, riyal deposit rates continued to firm by 1/2 to 3/4 percent. Most of the rises were still affecting short-term riyal deposits as some local and Bahrain banks, who were short of liquidity, bid up the rates on available funds. One-month JIBOR rate was quoted at 16 1/2 — 16 3/4 percent by mid-day Thursday against 16 1/2 — 16 3/4 percent on early opening. The one-year riyal rate now stands at 15 1/2 — 16 percent and the week-fixed came out at 16 1/2 percent. Some activity was reported in overnight lending in Jeddah. On the local exchanges, spot riyal against the dollar reached a new high level

of 3.3915-25 against 3.3910-15 earlier in the morning. Local dealers continued to report major interest in dollar purchases coming from the OBUS — Bahrain Off-shore Units.

The strong local and Gulf demand for the dollar mirrored the dollar's performance on the European exchanges. The dollar has been helped by concern over the Polish crisis as well as the political shake-ups going on in West Germany. The mark closed at 2.3475 in Europe Wednesday — the lowest since August 1977 against the dollar — but recovered to 2.3209 in New York closing, following the American uncertainties over U.S. interest rates and the move by the Chemical Bank. One-month dollar deposit rates eased by 1/16 percent to be quoted at 18 11/16-18 13/16 percent from opening levels of 18 1/4 — 18 3/8 percent.

The British pound continued to waver at levels of 2.0650 Thursday in London after it seemed to recover to 2.0701 in New York. The French franc was much firmer Thursday at 5.5250 in London after closing at 5.5505 Wednesday and around 5.5800 the day before. It would seem the French government's determination to support the franc is being reinforced by large-scale support of the franc by the French central bank. This is different from the present Bundesbank policy of an attitude of "wait and see" on the dollar. The yen continued to be weak at 225.10 levels against the dollar after closing at 224.06 in New York.

War-hit Iran keeps up oil exports

BEIRUT, May 28 (AP) — Iran is exporting an average of 800,000 tons to one million barrels of oil a day, despite the ravages of the war with Iraq well-informed industry sources in the Middle East have said.

This level of oil export is one-sixth of that during the reign of the late Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi, when Iran was the second largest oil exporting country in the world after Saudi Arabia.

About 12 countries import Iranian oil through the Arabian Gulf terminals of Khark and Lavan. The Abadan refinery, which was heavily damaged in the early days of the Iran-Iraq war in September 1980, was another major terminal with a production capacity of 600,000 barrels a day.

Iran exports 175,000 barrels a day to Great Britain's British Petroleum and Shell, 200,000 barrels a day to Japan, 130,000 to India, 150,000 to Spain, 70,000 to Turkey, 40,000 to the Soviet Union, 60,000 to South Korea, 40,000 to North Korea and Bangladesh together, 40,000 to Bulgaria and Yugoslavia together, and 80,000 to Romania, according to the sources.

Iran gets cash for most of the exports, a part of which is met by an average of 200,000 barrels of gas-oil from the spot market. The gas-oil comes from ports in Holland, Italy, Singapore, and Greece. Bandar Abbas and Bushehr ports in southern Iran are employed as gas receiving facilities.

In another development on the oil front, Britain's state national oil company is under

new pressure to cut prices for high-quality North Sea oil, which range up to nearly \$40 a barrel, following the OPEC price decisions in Geneva, industry sources said Thursday.

Energy department and British National Oil Corporation officials had no immediate comment.

London stock market

LONDON, May 28 (R) — The market closed narrowly higher after a quiet session and the forward trading index at 1500 hours was up 1.7 at 547.1 after a high of 549.5.

The nine-point gain on Wall Street Wednesday pushed up equities during the morning session, but the sharply reduced full year profits from Courtauld's unsettled the market and leading issues fell below the day's highs. Government bonds showed renewed strength after Chase Manhattan bank cut its prime rate 20 percent from 20.5 percent and ended as much as 3/4 point up on the day, dealers said. North American issues were firmer.

Gold shares moved up with the bullion price with heavier priced issues gaining as much as \$2.

Courtauld's ended 2p lower at 65p having traded at 69p before its results and British Sugar Corp closed a 4p up at 337 after 338 following the increased offer terms from S and W Berisford, a penny up at 133. Equity leaders showed on balance gains ranging to 8p, but ICI finished unchanged on the day at 290.

SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT TENDERS				
Authority	Description	Tender Number	Price SR.	Closing Date
Directorate of Education in the Western Region	1—Operation, maintenance and cleaning of reinforced schools (number 17) in Jeddah group 'A'	23/C	1000	13-6-81
	2—Operation, maintenance and cleaning of 16 reinforced schools group 'B' in Jeddah			13-6-81
	3—Operation, maintenance and cleaning of 15 prefab schools in Jeddah		1000	13-6-81
	4—Operation, maintenance and cleaning of 20 prefab in Jeddah		1000	13-6-81

PORTS AUTHORITY JEDDAH ISLAMIC PORT SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 28TH MAY, 1981 24TH RAJAB, 1401

Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
3	Lampa	O.C.E.	Reefer	26.5.81
3M	Wakagitu Maru	Alireza	Heavy Veh./Plant	27.5.81
5	Ngomei Chau	Kanoo	Contra/Steel/Gen.	27.5.81
6	Salah Aldeen	Alireza	General/Contra.	26.5.81
7	Mananjary	Alireza	Bagged Barley	27.5.81
8	Hel	Attar	Containers	
18	Ionian Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	20.5.81
19	Told Arrow	Alisabah	Bulk Cement	24.5.81
22	Unity	A.E.T.	General	27.5.81
24	Sun Happiness	O.C.E.	Reefer	24.5.81
26	Melange	Alireza	Gen/Contra.	26.5.81
30	Caribbean Universal	Star	Reefer	24.5.81
40	Costas II	O.C.E.	Reefer	26.5.81
41	Al Wahadah	O.C.E.	Reefer	27.5.81
42	Maldive Amrity	Q.Trade	Tiles/Timber/Gen.	27.5.81
Ro Ro	Mazario Fenida	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Sorghum/Gen.	27.5.81
2	RECENT ARRIVALS	A.E.T.	General	27.5.81
	Unity	S.C.S.A.	Bagged Sorghum/Gen.	
	Arab Al Hijazi	Alireza	Heavy Veh./Plant	
	Wakagitu Maru	Alireza	Contra/Steel/Gen.	
	Ngomei Chau	Alireza	General/Contra.	
	Mananjary	Alireza	Bagged Barley	
	George Z	O.C.E.	Reefer	
	Hel	Attar	Containers	
	Mazario Fenida	A.E.T.	Ro Ro Units/Contra.	
	Al Hijazi	Alpha	Bagged Barley	
	Shalhoub I	O.C.E.	General/Marble	

3. VESSELS EXPECTED TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS

	Maldive Star	Q. Trade	Gen/Pepper/Spices	28.5.81
	Antares	Gulf	General/Marble	
	Marabou	Alisabah	Bagged Sugar	
	Safina-e-Rehmat	S.C.S.A.	Gen/Onions	
	Skopelos Star	El Hawi	Bagged Barley	
	Aambo	Mofarrij	Barley/Wheat/Sorghum	

KING ABDUL AZIZ PORT DAMMAM SHIPS MOVEMENTS UPTO 0700 HOURS ON 24.7.1401/28.5.1981 CHANGES FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS

3	Alkmi	Kanoo	Timber	27.5.81
4	Sea Paval	Highspeed	General	26.5.81
5	Ibn Khalikan	Kanoo	Gen/Contra.	27.5.81
10	Takis Alexakos	Gosabli	Loading Urea	21.5.81
12	Pegasus Timber	Gulf	General	26.5.81
13	Maldive Loyalty	Orri	General	26.5.81
15	Agrotis Freestar	SMC	Reefer	26.5.81
16	Tai Tung (2nd call)	SEA	Loading Scrap	24.5.81
20	Lawtons	Gosabli	Bagged Cement	22.5.81
27	Jihad-1	Gulf	Live Buffaloes	26.5.81
28	Sea Horse	Gosabli	Glass/Gen.	26.5.81
32	Hoogh Orris	Kanoo	General	26.5.81
34	Stasy	Alisabah	Gen/Steel	23.5.81
35	Stasy	Gulf	Timber	10.5.81
36	Torm Helvig (D.B.)	Alisabah	Bulk Cement	27.5.81
37	Sunny Island (DB)	A.E.T.	Bulk Cement	27.5.81
38	Barge unincement	Globe	Cement Silo VSL	10.11.80

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Thursday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	—	7.97	7.98
Belgian Franc (1,000)	89.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.32	—	2.34
Deutsche Mark (100)	145.00	146.50	144.70
Dutch Guilder (100)	131.00	135.00	130.80
Egyptian Pound	—	4.03	4.27
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.50	92.40
French Franc (100)	61.00	61.50	61.53
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	64.50	59.90
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	39.95
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	30.10	29.40
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.10	—	15.25
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.22	10.12
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.16
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	80.60	80.20
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	69.50	68.30
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.45	—
Philippine Peso (100)	—	44.10	—
Pound Sterling	7.01	7.07	7.01
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	—	93.25
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	157.15
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	38.00	36.75
Swiss Franc (100)	163.00	164.50	163.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	50.60	53.60
Turkish Lira (1,000			

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New government delay

Missile plan splits Dutch party leaders

THE HAGUE, May 28 (R)— Dutch reluctance to accept U.S. nuclear weapons could force NATO to rethink its plans for a European missile network, Western diplomats said Thursday.

The assessment follows a serious election setback for Dutch Prime Minister Andries van Agt, with the missile project a key issue in haggling over the formation of a new government.

Van Agt's attempt to hold on to power would involve hard political compromises, virtually ruling out any prospect of an early decision on missile deployment, diplomats said.

Dutch sources agreed the political maneuvering now under way made it highly unlikely the prime minister could keep to a promise that the Netherlands would decide by Christmas whether or not to accept 48 U.S. Cruise missiles. The missiles have

Dutch Premier Andries van Agt

become a dominant issue in Dutch politics, with only one of the country's four main political parties unreservedly in favor of accepting them on Dutch soil.

The rightist pro-nuclear Liberal Party is in danger of losing its position in Van Agt's center-right coalition as the Christian Democratic prime minister seeks to give his government a more center-left orientation.

The coalition, now acting as a caretaker cabinet, lost its narrow parliamentary lead in a general election Tuesday.

It needs outside support because it is two seats of the majority essential to get its policies through the lower house. Political commentators believe Van Agt may have to ditch his Liberal partners to form a new alignment with the Labor Party and the left-of-center Democrats '66, both of which are opposed to the missile deployment plans.

The Netherlands is one of five North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries earmarked to receive 572 U.S. medium-range missiles to counter what the alliance sees as a mounting threat from Soviet SS-20 warheads deployed against Western Europe.

Serious attempts to put together a new ruling coalition will start in earnest Friday, when Queen Beatrix confers with party leaders and other advisers.

The queen will be facing her first major constitutional task since acceding to the throne 13 months ago, and it could be as arduous as the one her mother experienced after the 1977 elections.

Thursday's public holiday will provide a rest after the campaign and time for the parties to consider how best to achieve their aims in the wrangling to follow. Van Agt will ask the queen to appoint one or two intermediaries from his Christian Democrat Party which is the largest in parliament, to sound out the possible composition of a new government.

Schmidt attacked again

Brandt may visit Moscow

BONN, May 28 (Agencies) — Former West German Chancellor Willy Brandt will probably travel to Moscow this summer to prepare the ground for a visit to West Germany by Soviet Leader Leonid Brezhnev, informed German circles said here Thursday.

Brezhnev, who is scheduled to visit Bonn in September or October, had personally invited Brandt, the leader of West Germany's Social Democratic Party, the circles added.

Relations between Bonn and Moscow have been strained by Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's determination to implement a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) decision to deploy medium-range nuclear missiles on West German territory in 1983.

Brandt, who negotiated and signed a German-Soviet treaty in the early 1970s, has been spared the sort of attack that has been made against Schmidt in the official Soviet press.

Observers here said that Moscow probably hopes that it can persuade the West German leadership to change its mind over the missiles through Brandt. A Social Democratic Party spokesman said Wednesday Brandt would decide whether to accept Brezhnev's invitation next week.

Meanwhile, Pravda dismissed Thursday as negative talks between Schmidt and President Reagan and said the West German leader had followed Washington along the path of aggravating the world situation.

In a lengthy editorial suggesting high-level authorization, the Communist Party daily repeated that Schmidt's claim that Washington sought serious arms talks with Moscow was false. It was the second sharp Soviet attack in successive days on Schmidt.

The West German leader returned from Washington to tell the Bonn parliament last Tuesday that the United States was ready to negotiate with Moscow on curbing medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe.

"If one reads carefully the joint U.S.-West German statement or the chancellor's statement in the Bundestag about his visit one can clearly see the assurances not to forget 'arms control' negotiations in the heat of military preparations were a distracting maneuver," Pravda said.

In Bonn, the West German government issued a brief statement rejecting the Soviet accusations.

In a sharply-worded personal attack Pravda said: "It was not long ago that he

Soong sinks into coma

PEKING, May 28 (AFP) — Doctors have stopped massive blood transfusions to Soong Ching-ling, the dying widow of the founder of the Chinese republic Sun Yat-sen, informed sources reported. It was reported earlier that Mrs. Soong had sunk into a deeper coma, brought on by leukemia.

The sources said that she was still being given plasma while the latest official medical bulletin said her condition had "worsened" and she has difficulty in breathing. The exact age of Mrs. Soong is not known but she is around 90. Her husband died in 1925, over 20 years before the Communist regime took power.

Italian's finger sent for more ransom

CASARANO, Italy May 28 (AP) — Ransom-demanding kidnapers holding a wealthy shoe industrialist have sent his left little finger with a demand for more money, police reported Thursday.

The family of Antonio Filigrana, 57, already has paid \$1.5 million to the abductors since he was snatched near his home in this town Nov. 13 last year, police said.

They said the chopped-off finger was found in a thermos bottle at a spot on the nearby Lecce-Bari highway where the family was told to go to pick up a message.

In a handwritten letter also found in the bottle, Filigrana asked the family to expedite the "balance" of the ransom. He did not specify the amount, but the sources said the kidnapers were demanding additional 3.5 billion lire (\$3.5 million) for a total of \$5 million.

It was the second time in recent years the Italian kidnapers are known to have sent a mutilated part of the victim's body to his family with a ransom payment.

In 1973, kidnapers cut off the right ear of 19-year-old Paul Getty III, grand grandson of Tibnoll billionaire. The young man was held for five months, taken from one hideout to another, before being released Dec. 15, after the family paid \$2.5 million — the highest amount ever paid in ransom.



TROOPS STORMING: British troops storm down Londonderry's Bogside area Wednesday night after they were petrol-bombed by youths rioting after the funeral in the city of INLA hunger striker Patsy O'Hara.

Residential areas shelled, Iran says

NICOSIA, May 28 (AP) — Iran charged that Iraqi forces fired ground rockets early Wednesday morning on residential areas of Hamidieh near Ahwaz, the capital of the southern Iranian oil province of Khuzistan.

A statement carried by the official Iranian news agency, Pars, said several housing units were destroyed, but that there were no reports of casualties.

The statement said the rockets came as the Iranian forces were recapturing heights one after the other in the area, from the Iraqi forces. Another statement said the Iraqis also shelled the Khuzistan city of Dezful with long artillery destroying houses and other installations.

The statement said Iranian counterattacks in the Dezful area resulted in the killing or wounding of at least 60 Iraqi troops. The communique claimed 80 other Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded in other operations along the 300-mile Iran-Iraq battlefield in 72 hours.

Iraq also said its forces went into action against the Iranians in forward positions along a battlefield, killing 43 Iranian troops in 24 hours. In a communique broadcast by Baghdad radio, Iraq conceded losing 11 troops in action against the Iranians in the same period.

U.S. carrier sails home

JACKSONVILLE, Florida, May 28 (AP) — The aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz* steamed toward its home port of Norfolk, Virginia, Thursday with 20 damaged planes after a jet crashed in flames on its deck, killing 14 persons and injuring 48.

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Lois said damage to the carrier was confined to the flight deck area. Four aircraft were destroyed, including the one that crashed, and 16 others were damaged.

The ship, carrying about 3,000 sailors and 2,500 airmen, started back on the 800 km voyage to Norfolk shortly after the jet crashed.

Waldheim due in Japan, China

TOKYO, May 28 (AP) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim of the United Nations is scheduled to make an official four-day visit to Japan June 7, the foreign ministry said Thursday.

Waldheim's itinerary will include separate meetings with Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki and Foreign Minister Sumao Sonoda June 8, the ministry said. He will have an audience with Emperor Hirohito June 9, it added. A ministry spokesman said Waldheim will leave for Peking June 10.

It will be Waldheim's fourth visit to Japan. He first toured Tokyo as Austria's foreign minister in 1968 and returned in 1973 and 1979 as secretary-general of the world body. News reports from New York said the secretary-general is expected to seek Japanese cooperation in organizing an international conference on Cambodia in July.

After disastrous crash

Despite the damage to the aircraft, estimated at more than \$60 million, damage to the nuclear-powered ship itself was "not extraordinarily heavy," according to Capt. Larry Hamilton, chief public affairs officer for the Atlantic fleet.

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King visits Barcelona today

BARCELONA, May 28 (AFP) — King Juan Carlos is to arrive here Friday amid stringent security measures, taken in the wake of the discovery of tunnel in an apparent plot Monday on the monarch's life.

The tunnel, which was discovered shortly after police freed 200 hostages held in a bank here last weekend by terrorists, apparently was designed to hold a powerful bomb. Police theorized that the terrorists were linked with tunnel-diggers, since the only man who was killed in the attack had rented an office building connected to the tunnel.

But they also were contemplating the possibility that the hostage-takers used last week's bank takeover to divert police attention from an attack they might be planning elsewhere.

The authorities also were wondering whether left-wing extremists would use the uncertain climate to launch their own offensive, as the GRAPO anti-fascist group did in Madrid during the Seville military day parade in 1979. A cafeteria bombing then killed eight persons and wounded 20.

In any case, the police were taking no chances. Both national police and army units were patrolling the city, checking the identities of residents.



King Juan Carlos

Italian's finger sent for more ransom

CASARANO, Italy May 28 (AP) — Ransom-demanding kidnapers holding a wealthy shoe industrialist have sent his left little finger with a demand for more money, police reported Thursday.

The family of Antonio Filigrana, 57, already has paid \$1.5 million to the abductors since he was snatched near his home in this town Nov. 13 last year, police said.

They said the chopped-off finger was found in a thermos bottle at a spot on the nearby Lecce-Bari highway where the family was told to go to pick up a message.

It was the second time in recent years the Italian kidnapers are known to have sent a mutilated part of the victim's body to his family with a ransom payment.

In 1973, kidnapers cut off the right ear of 19-year-old Paul Getty III, grand grandson of Tibnoll billionaire. The young man was held for five months, taken from one hideout to another, before being released Dec. 15, after the family paid \$2.5 million — the highest amount ever paid in ransom.

before the golden trellice in the utmost reverence and inexplicable joy and exultation of the momentous meeting (ziarah). The spiritual ecstasy cannot be confined and projected in words. Only the outer evidence can be retold. Tears streamed down our cheeks, lips moved in homage and salutation and in the uplifting consciousness of a world regained, the brows shone in a unique radiance and sense of triumph. The experience, at best singular and individual, is better left to the reader's own imagination, to be actually savoured and enjoyed with ecstasy in course of time.

A narration in this context would be appropriate on the significance of ziarah. Mohammad bin Abdullah bin Umar Uthba has recorded:

"I presented myself for ziarah and after salutations, sat down nearby. I saw that a bedouin, who had dismounted from his camel from afar, came and took his place before the enclosure and pleaded, 'Oh, the Most Exalted of All Prophets, Allah has assured us in the Holy Quran...

"If they had only, When they were unjust To themselves, Come unto thee, And asked Allah's forgiveness, And the Apostle had asked Forgiveness for them, They would have found Allah indeed Oft-returning, Most Merciful."

(IV - Nisa - 64)

"Hence, I have presented myself before you, Allah's Rasool, and I am praying to Allah to pardon my sins and I seek your recommendation on my behalf and he recited verses resplendent with love and devotion to the Prophet and he was in tears. Later on I had a vision that his pleading had been accepted."

Of all the cities of the world, Madinatun Nabi is where the Muslim, feels most at home. Somehow, in this abode of Our Master, all cares are forgotten, the bizarre sense

of fear and unease we had felt elsewhere take to their heels and a sense of peace and security comes over us. Hence, when the dreaded moment arrives, to take leave of it, it is difficult to hold back our tears. Like the dynamic Khalifa of Islam, Syedina Umar (R.A.), every Muslim hears a silent prayer rising from his heart that he may be destined to have his final resting place in Madinatun Munawwarah so he may be in the exalted company of the Glorious Prophet (Sai) and his sahabayy kiram (his companions) and rise among them and with them on the day of judgment and enter jannah with them.

The great Muslim savant Ghazali says, "When a Muslim's eyes behold the radiance of Madinah, he must realize with true veneration that this is the City Allah Himself had selected to be the abode of His Chosen Messenger and had directed him hither when he had to make the Hijrah (migration) from Makkah. That this is the City in which were revealed unto mankind the glorious edicts of Shariah from Allah. That Our Glorious Leader's Traditions have this City as their locale. That it was from this City that he led the faithful to Jihad against the enemies of Islam and established the supremacy of the faith. That it was here he breathed his last and his tomb and that of his two closest associates is situated. That this is the hallowed earth on which the Prophet's footfalls abound. And Muhammad Sallallahu Alaihi wa Sallam is that Supreme Personality whose name Allah has linked eternally with His Own Glorious Name as His Rasool!"

So with a sad, sad heart, I departed the Radiant City, after Maghrib prayers by taxi, resolved to fulfil yet another of his illustrious examples. Reaching Bir A'li, I made wudhu and donned Ibraam in the way my Master had done 14 centuries ago, and proceeded to Makkathul Mukarramah. We reached the Holy Haram around 4 AM and by the grace of Allah, I was able to perform Umrah and take part in 'Salaathul Fajr' (predawn prayers) in jama'ath and take a taxi back to Jeddah, and be at my desk Saturday morning, opening time! Shukr Alhamdulillah.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

A long time ago, more years than I'd care to name, a certain press officer in a certain ministry in a certain Arab country (you know the score by now: all shall be nameless) came to see me. "My minister likes your paper," he informed me kindly, "and he would like to write an article for it which will shake the world."

I told him that his minister was more than welcome, that I'll be waiting on tenterhooks. I'll give it the full treatment. "There's a small problem, though," he said. Not fees, surely, I thought to myself. And it wasn't. "His excellency," he explained, "is a highly educated man. But it's all self-education. Politics as you know leaves little time for anything else."

I said I fully understood. Let him just write and we'll touch up the article for him if he so wishes. I assured the pressman that this is what we do anyway in most cases. No loss of face or worry involved. He thanked me but was still reluctant to leave. I asked him what the matter was and he said, "Might it not be better if you put down some questions to his excellency. It would help to focus his mind. Anyway, you're the best judge of what your readers want to know."

I agreed and put a few questions down. Here you are, I said take them to his excellency and get me the answers. We'll work an article up from there. But by then he had read the questions. "These are very difficult questions, you know" he protested. I'm sure the minister knows the answers to them backward. But wonderful as his mind is, his excellency is not a man of words...

I suggested simplifying them. No, no, they were good, legitimate questions. And the minister knew the answers. Only could I, the editor, write down those answers as well? After all, he the press officer, knew the minister's mind. So between us, we can't go wrong. An interview of the first order.

"You're kidding, of course..." But he wasn't. And I'm ashamed to confess now that it was a good interview after all...

But that was a different time, when ministers were like that and we, I fear, were no better. Now ministers' quality has improved and, dare we say it, so has our professionalism. But now politics has gone to seed...

Translated from Asraq Al Awsat

Tass blames U.S. base for epidemic

MOSCOW, May 28 (AP) — Tass claims Thursday that a viral epidemic in Spain was spread from a U.S. military base near Madrid where germ weapons may be stockpiled.

Spanish health authorities have reported 18 deaths and 1,500 persons hospitalized from an unidentified type of pneumonia that appeared a month ago in suburban Madrid and then spread to other parts of the country.

A U.S. Air Force base is located in Torrejon, but Spanish sources said not a single case of the disease has been reported at the installation.

"Many representatives of the press and public who read the disquieting reports about the 'mysterious virus' discovered on the American military base in Spain involuntarily ask" whether U.S. authorities complied with a 1975 pledge to destroy stockpiles of biological weapons, the Soviet news agency said.

Tass said a "similar outbreak" of the virus in 1976 killed more than 30 persons in Philadelphia, Pa., near a U.S. base, and that "several hundred cases of this disease" have been diagnosed in the United States since then.

Carrington visits Paris

PARIS, May 28 (AFP) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington arrived here Thursday from Algiers for talks with External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson, his first contact with the new French government. Lord Carrington was to go to London later after a working dinner with Cheysson.

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